WEATHER FORECASTS

Victoria and Vicinity—Northerly and westerly winds, partly cloudy and colder.

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FRANCE SUPPLIES ALLIES WITH MUCH WAR MATERIAL

Though Deprived of Her Greatest Coal and Iron Fields, Production of Munitions Is on Large Scale.

Heavy Percentages of Her Output in Various Lines Handed Over to Russia, Italy, Serbia and Roumania.

Requirement of Immense Fleet for Transportation of Material Is Serious Hindrance to Country's Commerce.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—France was deprived of 50 per cent of her resources in coal, 90 per cent of her iron ore and 80 per cent of her iron and steel manufacturing establishments by the German invasion. At the same time, the developmentts of the war multiplied her needs of precisely the things which those resources supplied. Official figures just furnished the Associated Press show how, crippled as she was, France metamorphosed her remaining industries and improvised new ones so as to utilize to the maximum her remaining resources, not only supplying her own army, but handing over nearly a quarter of her output in arms and munitions to her Allies.

France has supplied to the Belgians, Russians, Italians, Serbians and Roumanians great quantities of such arms and munitions as she has manufactured herself, and has abandoned to her Allies a considerable portion of what she bought abroad.

Energies Delegated

"The cessions of war supplies France has made to her Allies are not regarded as sacrifices," an officer on the general staff said. "We simply delegate thus a part of our energies to those who are in a situation to employ them to the best advantage."

Of its total production since the beginning of the war, France has turned over to its Allies quantities that reach the following proportions:

Rifles, 30 per cent; cartridges, 22 per cent; field gun shells, 20 per cent; heavy artillery ammunition, 20 per cent; trench mortars, 13 per cent; hand grenades, 27½ per cent; protecting masks against suffocating gas, 10 per cent; powder, 8 per cent; other explosives, 5 per cent.

A French officer said that up to October 16, France had supplied Russia with more than six hundred thousand rifles and more than three hundred million cartridges; had sent her several hundred pieces of heavy artillery, millions of projectiles for field guns, millions of hand grenades and thousands of aeroplane motors.

Technical Experts Sent

"French technical experts and specialists were also sent to Russia to intensify the home production," he said. "There are now 22 officers and 236 subaltern officers and soldiers of the French army occupying important posts in Russian munitions factories."

The most important French mission sent to Russia was that headed by Col. Fyot, who transformed into munition factories a great many establishments that had not been previously worked for national defence.

Raw materials and coal have been sent in large quantities from France to Italy, together with a number of batteries of heavy artillery, with a supply of shells to go with them. Besides keeping up the provision of shells for these heavy guns, France furnished Italy with a considerable number of charged three-inch shells, and engaged to supply regularly several thousand empty shells a day. Five hundred thousand helmets, forty thousand trench shields, more than 100 trench mortars, hundreds of tons of aluminum and chemical products, were among the things furnished to Italy, while a French flying corps constitutes the defence of Venice against Austrian air attacks.

Arming of Serbia

From the end of 1914 until the evacuation of Serbia, France supplied the Serbian artillery with 2,000 three-inch shells a day. After the retreat it was France that undertook the transportation and the reconstruction of the Serbian army at Corfu. The armament and ammunition were furnished exclusively by France, and were identical with those of the French equipments. The rest of the material and supplies were furnished in common by France and Great Britain. One hundred and fifty vessels were required for the transportation, constituting another great privation to France, in such dire need of better ocean transportation facilities. Seventy-six voyages were required for the entire operation, and it was accomplished without a single accident.

Roumania's Equipment

France also supplied entirely the Roumanian army with war material and munitions from the day of its entry into the war. France's donation to Roumania includes more than one hundred thousand rifles, with eighty million cartridges and the additional supplies of ten thousand rifles a month, more than one thousand machine guns, with the necessary munition supplies, and more than a million hand grenades. She furnished her with field guns, heavy artillery, trench mortars and anti-aircraft guns, with an initial supply of munitions for each and with the undertaking to keep that supply up to the requirements. France gave the Roumanian army all its engineering material, including telephone and telegraph lines, and all its wireless outfit, with a certain number of automobile searchlights and more than 400 searchlights of different calibres, with 4,500 tons of barbed wire.

All the aviation material used by Roumania is of French manufacture. The French flying corps ceded to them 200 machines, while 100 other machines were built in Roumania with material or parts furnished by French industry. France made 200,000 steel helmets, 500,000 gas masks and 5,200 apparatuses against asphyxiating gases for Roumania.

In September and October of this year, France shipped to Roumania more than 5,000 tons of material. It went by way of Archangel and over Russian railroads. Twenty French officers and 300 French soldiers, trained in the aviation service, went to Roumania immediately after the declaration of war, and formed the nucleus of its flying corps.

SPANISH CABINET

Reports That Reply to President Wilson's Note Had Caused Differences Are Denied

PARIS, Jan. 2—The correspondent of the Havas Agency at Madrid telegraphed the following:

"The Minister of Public Instruction denied today reports that Spain's reply to President Wilson's note regarding peace had caused a rift in the cabinet.

"'In answering the note,' the minister added, "we had to take into account that the Entente Allies refused peace, and Germany declared herself able to realize it unaided. On this there could be no possible disagreement, the more so as no idea of pacifist intervention had been mentioned here.'"

Col. Bruce's Position

LONDON, Jan. 2.—It is understood that Col. Bruce has asked to be allowed to return to Canada immediately. An intimation had been given that his post as inspector-general has been abolished. It is stated that the need for such a post has ceased to exist.

Harry Lauder's Son Killed

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Capt. John Lauder, of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of Harry Lauder, the comedian, has been killed at the front. He was wounded twice previously.

FURTHER HONORS FOR CANADIANS

Capt. McGee, of Ottawa, and Several Officers Serving With Imperial Forces Win Military Cross.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—Word was received in Ottawa this afternoon that Capt. W. R. McGee, of Ottawa, has been recommended for the Military Cross. According to information to relatives, the official military Gazette stated:

"Conspicuous gallantry near Courcelette on November 18, 1916, when leaving the jumping off trench he was shot through the shoulder by a machine gun bullet. He continued the attack to Desire trench, where he stayed until the battalion was relieved about 30 hours later. He showed by his reports that he had a good grasp and hold of the situation."

McGee is well known as an Ottawa oarsman and football player.

Officers in Imperial Forces

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The following Canadians, who are serving in the Imperial forces as officers, have been awarded the Military Cross:

Capt. C. F. Carson, Royal Engineers, formerly in the Canadian militia. Capt. Carson was mentioned in dispatches last June.

Capt. C. F. Cobbold, Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment, who was for some time director of the Alberta Land Company.

Capt. J. B. Orde, artillery, who formerly lived in Ottawa.

Lieut. J. R. Smith, King's Royal Rifles, formerly in the Canadian forces.

Lieut. L. W. Jones, Welsh Fusiliers, formerly with the Canadians. Lieut. Jones was wounded last April.

D. C. Medals

A list of 61 Canadian N. C. O.'s and men who have been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal was gazetted tonight as follows:

Sgt. Barber, Mounted Rifles; Sgt. F. H. Bates, Engineers; Sgt. H. A. Bealer, Sgt. S. M. Beards, Artillery; Cpl. Wm. Bennett, Infantry; Cpl. W. Birchman, Infantry; Sgt.-Major J. Bissett, Army Service Corps; Sgt. W. Blythe, Infantry; Sgt.-Major F. Bowles, Engineers; Cpl. L. Bradley, Medicals; Pte. R. B. Bradley, Artillery; Sgt.-Major A. M. Brookes, Infantry; Pte. W. M. Brown, Infantry; Sgt.-Major W. H. Burrell, Infantry; Sgt.-Major G. Cope, Infantry; Sgt. J. F. Corcoran, Engineers; Sgt.-Major C. F. Dawson, Infantry; Sgt. J. Donovan, Infantry; Cpl. J. Ferrier, Army Service Corps; Sergt. W. Fitzgerald, Infantry; Sgt. W. J. Gerring, Infantry; Sgt. F. Gillingham, Princess Patricias; Sgt.-Major F. Gledhill, Infantry; Sgt.-Major H. C. Good, Infantry; Sgte-Major A. W. Hawkey, Mounted Rifles; Sgt.-Major E. W. Haydon, Infantry; Pte. W. Haywood, Mounted Rifles; Sgt. W. A. Jackson, Machine Guns; Pte. R. Keiller, Machine Guns; Sgt.-Major G. W. Kennedy, Infantry; Cpl. G. Knox, Infantry; Sgt.-Major F. J. Laing, Infantry; Sgt. J. Latham, Sgt. E. W. Lewis, Infantry; Pte. G. E. Levy, Machine Guns; Cpl. W. P. Loggie, Mounted Rifles; Sgt. W. D. Mackie, Infantry; Sgt.-Major J. W. Mansfield, Engineers; Sgt. A. McClintock, Infantry; Cpl. A. E. Mondisabal, Artillery; Pte. S. J. Morgan, Artillery; Cpl. J. D. Patterson, Cyclists; Sgt.-Major C. E. Rea, Infantry; Sgt.-Major W. S. Rimmer, Artillery; Sgt.-Major R. L. Roberts, Infantry; Sgt. J. Robinson, Cpl. F. Ross, Infantry; Cpl. S. C. Routh, Artillery; Cpl. B. Sankee, Cpl. F. C. Shoesmith, Infantry; Cpl. J. P. Short, Engineers; Sgt. H. Simmons, Infantry; Sgt.-Major H. W. Steele, Army Service Corps; Pte. G. Treffory, Mounted Rifles; Sgt. E. Turnbull, Artillery; Sgt. F. D. Turner, Engineers; Sgt.-Major F. W. Edum, Infantry; Sgt.-Major L. L. Vorden, Sgt. C. W. Walker, Cpl. F. A. White, Pte. G. H. Whitford, Infantry, and Sgt. H. A. Whitemore, Mounted Rifles.



H.S.H. PRINCE ALEXANDER OF TECK

Grand Officer of the Legion of Honor, a decoration with which he has just been honored by France. The Prince is already a member of the Distinguished Service Order. He is Major and Brevet-Colonel (temporary Brigadier-General), 2nd Life Guards.

JAPAN WILL ARM MERCHANTMEN

Makes Inquiry at Washington as to Regulations for Such Vessels Going Through the Panama Canal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—Japan, through the embassy here, notified the State Department today of her intention to arm her merchant ships defensively, and requested information as to whether any special rules have been made by this government for passage of ships so armed through the Panama Canal.

This was the first official information that Japan intended such action, and was interpreted in some quarters as indicative of fear of German submarine operations on a wider scale than so far attempted. Japan has a large tonnage passing through the canal, and has suffered seriously from German undersea activities, particularly in the Mediterranean. While no submarines have appeared in the Pacific so far, British naval experts have said information in the hands of the Admiralty and the exploit of the U-53 in its raid off the New England coast indicate it is quite possible that they will operate there later.

There are no canal regulations imposing special restrictions on vessels armed for defensive purposes, as the United States holds such armament does not deprive a ship of her character as a peaceful merchantmen. A proclamation to safeguard the neutrality of the canal was issued by President Wilson in 1914. It was designed particularly to govern the passage through the canal of belligerent warships, and set forth that any ship, belligerent or neutral, armed or unarmed, should be subject to the restrictions placed upon warships if it was employed by a belligerent as a transport, a fleet auxiliary or otherwise to aid in war.

MANY OF ENEMY ARE PRISONERS

French and British Troops Captured 118,000 Germans During Past Year — Italy Holds 85,000 Austrians.

ON THE FRENCH FRONT IN FRANCE, Jan. 2.—During the last year, according to authoritative figures, 78,500 Germans were captured on the French front by the French and 40,000 by the British, while in Serbia and Macedonia the Entente Allied armies took 11,173 Bulgarian and Turkish prisoners. During the same period the Italians made prisoners of 52,250 Austrians, while the Russians captured more than 400,000 Germans and Austrians.

Italy's Successes

ROME, Jan. 2.—From thirty to forty-three Austrian divisions are kept engaged along the Italian front, says an official communication issued today. The statement adds that since Italy entered the war she has conquered 1,200 square miles of territory, shortening her war front from 500 to 375 miles, with an aggregate of 1,875 miles of entrenched lines.

War material is being manufactured in 2,175 Italian factories, employing 469,000 workers, including 73,000 women.

The Austrian prisoners now number 85,000, the statement asserts.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Italian and Austrian Guns Exchanging Shells Along All Front—Aircraft Attempts

ROME, Jan. 2.—Heavy artillery fighting is in progress all along the Austrian front, it is reported officially in a statement issued today which says:

"We caused an explosion in an artillery ammunition depot near Castagnavizza, on the Carso plateau. At midnight Sunday and during yesterday the enemy persistently shelled the town of Gorizia, causing only material damage.

"Hostile aircraft attempted raids on the Sette Communi plateau, in the Sugana valley, and on the Carso. One enemy machine was brought down behind the enemy's line by our fire."

ENEMY PATROLS ARE REPULSED

Raids Unsuccessfully Tried by Germans East of Vermelles and North of Ypres—Many Are Shot Down.

SKIRMISHES REPORTED AT OTHER POINTS

Allies' Artillery Vigorously Replying to Guns of Enemy—Heavy Bombardment Between Somme and Ancre.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Tonight's official communication reads:

"Early this morning a strong hostile patrol reached our trenches east of Vermelles. It was repulsed with the loss of half its number.

"Under cover of a heavy bombardment a strong enemy patrol of about 40 men endeavored to approach our lines last night north of Ypres. The few men who succeeded in reaching our trenches were immediately ejected. The enemy's losses were heavy.

"There was considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day and last night at different points of the front between the Somme and the Ancre and southeast of Ypres. Effective counter-battery work was carried out at these points, and also bombardments of enemy positions in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and Armentieres."

Artillery Fire

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Tonight's War Office bulletin reads:

"The artillery was quite active on the Hardaumount-Bezonvaux front. Fire was intermittent on the rest of the front."

The Belgian communication reads:

"On the whole Belgian front there was quite heavy artillery activity on both sides. The Belgian batteries successfully shelled positions east of Ramscapelle, Lixmude and Steenstraete."

Skirmishing took place last night at small points in Le Pretre and Jury Woods, near the Lorraine border. Otherwise, today's official announcement says, the night passed quietly.

COMING SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Invitation to Premier to Attend War Conference Affects Opening Date—Question of Extension to Come Up.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The calling of a war conference of the Empire in February and the invitation to Sir Robert Borden to attend, has upset all sessional political calculations. Parliament has been summoned two weeks earlier than intended, and it is evidently the hope of the Government to dispatch as much sessional business as possible before Sir Robert has to leave.

While there is no announcement as to the session, and the legislative programme has not yet been settled by the Cabinet, it would not be surprising if the session were purely a war one. In that case the Government programme would be largely confined to the war appropriations, the estimates and a bill for the extension of Parliament. If business were facilitated this could be completed by the time Sir Robert would have to leave for England. However, judging by Parliament's past record, it is doubtful if the House could possibly finish within a month or a month and a half.

Depends on Liberals

Everything depends, of course, upon the attitude of the Liberals towards an extension of Parliament. No one knows what will be their stand, and it is doubtful if they know themselves. It is not likely the Liberals will finally decide until Parliament meets, the bill is introduced and a caucus called. If the Liberals consent to the extension, Sir Robert will then be free to leave for England. He will probably be absent two or three months attending the sessions of the War Conference. On his return another session will likely be called, when the Government can introduce its domestic legislation. The report of the commission to investigate the Canadian railway situation would be ready for legislative action, the rural credits bill will be ready and a bill to provide a land settlement scheme for returned soldiers as well as important constructive measures.

On the other hand if the Liberals are prepared to take the responsibility for refusing an extension of Parliament, it would be almost impossible for Sir Robert to absent himself from Canada for such a lengthy period, and an election would be inevitable. The Government would have to introduce its domestic legislation, wind up the session and then prepare for dissolution and an election.

However, the whole situation is so complicated and the political horizon is so difficult to scan that it is impossible for even the sagest politician to make much of a hazard as to what may happen. The session, at least, promises to be an interesting one and one at which anything may occur.

On Caucasus Front

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—Regarding the Caucasian operations the official statement says: "Near the station of Safker, which is twenty-five versts northwest of Kalkis, our scouting parties annihilated an enemy field post. In the region of Kalechin, sixty versts northeast of Revandus, a snowstorm has been in progress for four days."

SECRECY AS TO SHIPS

Collector at Boston Complies With Requests of Foreign Owners—Precaution Against Submarines

BOSTON, Jan. 2—Edmund Billings, collector of the port, said tonight he had issued orders that nothing should be made public by his department concerning the sailing, port of destination and cargo manifests of transatlantic steamers, whose owners recently requested that this information be withheld.

The collector added that he believed the owners were wholly within their rights in making the request; he had notified the Treasury Department at Washington of his action and would continue to honor requests of that kind.

The action of a number of foreign steamship lines in asking that news of the movements of their vessels to and from this port be withheld followed closely upon the announcement that all information of the departure of shipping from Great Britain had been cut off by that Government on account of the activity of German submarines.

Chairman of Air Board

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Baron Cowdray has been appointed chairman of the British Air Board in succession to Baron Sydenham, who has resigned. Baron Cowdray accepted the post on the express condition that he receive no salary.

WOULD RECALL SALONICA FORCE

Daily Mail Condemns Expedition and Says It Was Planned by Civilians--Troops Should Be in West.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Daily Mail, in a long editorial this morning condemning the Salonica expedition, and, in effect, demanding its recall, declares the expedition was notoriously planned by civilians in defiance of military traditions.

"It was too late and too weak to save Serbia," the editorial says.

"It has been unable to assist Roumania, and cannot harm the invaders there, because no modern army can traverse the roadless mountains between Salonica and Roumania."

The Daily Mail contends that if the troops diverted to Salonica had been on the western front in 1916 they might well have turned the scale there and Roumania then never would have been invaded.

"The expedition," continues the newspaper, "is a continual strain on resources—men, shipping and munitions. By keeping the Balkan force too large for defence and too weak for attack we seem to be playing the enemy's game. A much smaller force would suffice to hold Salonica, if that is desirable. German reserves are not infinite, but they are large enough to render it dangerous for us to waste a single man. Throughout 1916 Salonica has been such a burden as Gallipoli in 1915. Our soldiers and the Allied soldiers did not commit this folly, and they would be delighted if it were undone, as far as any mistake can be undone.

PREMIER TISZA SPEAKS BOLDLY

Says Central Powers Can Show Entente Hopelessness of War—Vienna Press Comment on Allies' Reply.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following dispatch from Budapest:

"Count Stephen Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, addressing the members of the Government party, confessed that a mistake had been made by assuming that Roumania would not attempt to invade Transylvania.

"Alluding to peace, Count Tisza said: "'If our enemies insist on continuing the absolutely purposeless slaughter, we shall continue to fight either until we succeed in convincing them of the uselessness and hopelessness of the war or until the impulse of self-preservation induces the nations which are being sent to the slaughter to turn against their governments and make an end of the war.'"

A dispatch to Reuter's from Amsterdam says the Vienna newspaper comment on the Entente Allies' reply to Germany's peace proposal describes it as arrogant, and declares that the presumptuous demands for expiation, reparation and guarantees must be rejected because the Central Powers have nothing to expiate and nothing to guarantee. They add that "the blood which is still to flow will be on the head of the Entente."

TANKER IN COLLISION

British Admiralty Oil Carrier Damaged by Striking Barge Near Port Arthur, Texas

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Jan. 2—The British Admiralty tank steamer San Fraterno, with a cargo of 107,000 barrels of fuel oil, was in collision last night with the Gulf Refining Company's barge Mingo, off Sabine Bar, according to wireless advices to the British viceconsul here late today.

The San Fraterno, which sailed from here yesterday for a British port, was said to have sustained a five foot hole in its hull, the damage being estimated at $50,000. She is expected to put back into port here under her own power for repairs.

Damage to the Mingo was said to have been slight.

MANY BITTER STRUGGLES FOR ROUMANIAN TERRITORY

NESTORIAN WRECKED

Leyland Steamer Runs Aground and Is Reckoned Total Loss—All of Crew Saved

LONDON, Jan. 2—The British steamer Nestorian is aground and is stated by Lloyds to be a total loss. All the members of the crew were saved.

The Nestorian left Galveston for Liverpool on December 13. She is a freight vessel, owned by F. Leyland and Company, hails from Liverpool and is of 6,395 gross tons.

The omission from the foregoing despatch of the locality where she was wrecked probably is due to the British Government's ban on shipping reports.

MINE AT FALMOUTH

Sweeper Sent Into Harbor Ahead of Liner Is Sunk and Seven of Her Crew Are Killed

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Nine hundred and sixty-six refugees from Belgium and Russian Poland arrived here tonight from Rotterdam. Most of the refugees are booked for the middle west.

The ship's officers reported that as the liner was entering the harbor at Falmouth, England, on December 21, a mine-sweeper sent ahead of the steamship to clear the main channel of possible mines struck a mine and was blown up. Seven of the crew were killed.

KING OF HEJAZ

Title Adopted by Grand Sherif of Mecca, Who Revolted Against Rule of Turkey

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Grand Sheriff of Mecca, who in July, 1916, raised the standard of revolt against the authority of the Turkish Sultan and drove the Ottoman garrison out of the Holy City of Mecca, has adopted the title of "King of the Hejaz."

The Hejaz is a region of Arabia winding along the eastern coast of the Red Sea, and has an area of 100,000 square miles.

Great Britain, France and Italy have recognized the new Kingdom.

KITCHENER GUARD IS MAINTAINED

Order Kept on Streets by Soldiers of Muskoka Battalion —Wives of Men on Fighting Line Show Anger.

KITCHENER, Jan 2.—King and Water Streets are still being guarded tonight by soldiers of the 133nd (Muskoto) Battalion. Guards are stationed at the front and rear of the News-Record office; at the Dominion Button Works, of which Mayor-elect David Gross is president, and also at Mr. Gross' residence.

How long this state of affairs will continue is not definitely known. There were threats made today that another raid would be made on the News-Record office, but this was carefully guarded against.

Aldermen Bowman and Asmussen, who were injured last night, but not so seriously as reported, were about the city today.

The News-Record wa spublished today, and editorially commenting on last night's raid stated that the episode would have a far-reaching effect and that steps were being taken to prevent any further molestation of the property of those who dare to express opinions which may be contrary to the views of their opponents.

This afternoon there was a mild sensation on King Street, when the wife of a soldier who is in France got into an argument with A. R. Lang, the president of the Citizens' League, and Alderman John Read. The war of words culminated in the latter receiving several slaps across the face. Shortly after the wife of another soldier got into an argument with a police sergeant, which resulted in the woman being taken to the police station, but she was later released. The officers of the British League have taken the defeat of their candidates in good part, and will give the new council a fair chance to inaugurate its policy of "better civic government."

Mayor-elect Gross declined to make any statement today, declaring the situation was too delicate.

TURKS' DISCOVERY

Have at Last Heard of British Operations at El Arish—Characteristic Report Sent Out

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The official Turkish communication of January 1, dealing with recent British reports of victories over the Turks on the Egyptian front, east of the Suez Canal, says:

"The British have spread reports about great victories near Arish and Magdahabah, exaggerating the number of prisoners and the amount of booty. El Arish was evacuated by us voluntarily, and without a combat. Near Magdhabah an engagement took place and our vanguards suffered losses.

"The real importance of the British success is evident from the fact that the British already have evacuated Magdahabah and retreated to El Arish."

New Order of Knighthood

LONDON, Jan. 2.—According to The Daily Express, a new British Imperial order of knighthood probably will be included in the proposed list of New Year's honors. The Express indicates that it will resemble the Orders of the Star of India and of St. Michael and St. George, but that it will be granted for services throughout the whole Empire instead of for services in India and the colonies, as are the Star of India and the order of St. Michael and St. George, respectively.

Germans and Bulgarians Report Further Advance of Armies in Dobrudja and in Eastern Wallachia.

Russians and Roumanians Repulse Some Heavy Attacks Along Moldavian Frontier With Considerable Losses.

Roumanians Regain Ground Lost in Valley of Kasino River — Allies Obliged to Retire at Other Points.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The War Office communication issued tonight says nothing has been reported from the Western or Eastern fronts.

The following is the official report of January 1:

"On the Western end of the Macedonian front our seaplanes successfully dropped bombs on hostile troops northeast of Florina.

"In Dobrudja the offensive against the bridgehead of Matchin is progressing. Our booty has increased to 1,150 men, six officers, four cannon and fourteen machine guns. In eastern Wallachia the offensive continues."

Bulgarian Report

The official Bulgarian report of December 21 is as follows:

"In Dobrudja, our artillery sank a hostile tugboat near Tultcha. The docks and ships at Sulina were bombarded, and a direct hit on a hostile transport steamer was observed.

"The offensive against the Matchin bridgehead is progressing. After ten hours' fighting, Height 164, east of Matchin, was captured. Prisoners to the number of 200, 4 mountain guns and 5 machine guns were taken.

"In Eastern Wallachia our divisions crossed the Buzeu-Braila railroad, and are at a distance of 18 kilometres from Braila."

Severe Fighting

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The Russian and Roumanian forces have retired at some points on the Moldavian west frontier, the War Office announced today. On the Kasino, close to the Hungarian frontier, however, the Roumanians have regained lost ground and are holding it against continued strong attacks. The official statement follows:

"On the Moldavian frontier, the enemy attempted an offensive in the region of Height 2690, but was dispersed by a counter-attack. An enemy company which had taken the offensive from the village of Radkolach also was beaten back.

"In the valley of the river Tatrock the enemy si bombarding our positions with artillery of all calibres. Here the enemy took the offensive from the village of Radkolach, but was repulsed with heavy losses.

"In the afternoon the Austrians again attempted to advance from the village of Kotumba and in the valley of the river Sulcha but at both points were arrested by our fire.

"Enemy attempts at the offensive in the Chabaniom (Osobanyis) valley were also unsuccessful. They suffered great losses in wounded and killed.

"The enemy also attacked north and south of the Aitus river valley. All his efforts were repulsed. Scouts who were sent out discovered a great number of enemy troops within 200 feet of our trenches.

Roumanians Regain Ground

"On the Roumanian front the Roumanians, who at first were pressed back by stubborn enemy attacks on the front north and south of the river Kasino, eight versts east from the Hungarian frontier, regained their position by a counter-attack and still firmly retain it, notwithstanding continuous and fierce attacks by the enemy.

"In the region of Andrea and Chudchos, twelve versts south of the confluence of the rivers Putna and Zabala, the enemy pressed back our advanced cavalry detachments and occupied the above village. Our troops, during the night without pressure from the enemy's flank, took up new positions.

"In Dobrudja our detachments withdrew to new positions.

"Regarding the operations in the valley of the river Slonitku, it is now reported that by our counter-attacks we took prisoners three officers and more than 200 men."

The Germans took the offensive yesterday in Galicia near Brody, but were beaten off by the Russian fire, the war office announces.

RETURNING SOLDIERS

Arrangements Made for Bed Cases at Halifax and St. John—Three Hundred Per Week Expected

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The military hospitals commission reports that a 450-bed hospital is being prepared for returned soldiers on the pier at Halifax, in the Government building used at normal times by newly arrived immigrants. The first unit of this hospital will be ready for equipment January 10.

At St. John, N. B., arrangements have been made to fit up a hospital for 300 bed cases in the armory, and the necessary alterations will be made immediately.

Third, the commission has arranged for the provision of 300 beds for returned soldiers in the general hospital at Toronto. It is expected that the bed cases will begin to arrive from England very shortly at the rate of about 300 a week.

War Bread in England

LONDON, Jan. 2.—England began eating war bread yesterday, many bakers having started using regulation flour last week. Except in color war bread shows but slight difference from ordinary white bread. It is darker, but by no means brown in hue. It tastes much like ordinary bread.

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Two Sessions Talked of

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—The Star's Ottawa correspondent telegraphs today that, if the present plans of the Government carry, there will be two sessions of Parliament this year. "That which has been summoned for January 18 is designed to be particularly brief, with its programme confined to urgent measures."

Nova Scotia Schooner Lost

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 2.—The loss of the British schooner Lena Oxner, fifty miles off Shelburne, N.S., on December 29, became known here today, when the members of her crew were landed. The Oxner was bound from New York to Halifax with coal. The men were without food or water for three days, and suffered severe hardships.

TURKEY'S CLAIM TO INDEPENDENCE

Throws Off Guardianship of Great Powers and Asserts Full and Equal Partnership With Central Empires.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The "sick man" of Europe has recovered his health, he would have the world believe, and entered into full and equal partnership with Germany and Austria-Hungary. Turkey has repudiated the guardianship of the great powers and announced "an entry into the group of European powers with all the rights and prerogatives of an entirely independent government." The Turkish government's declaration of independence of the collective suzerainty of Great Britain, Italy, Russia, Germany and Austria-Hungary has been received in Washington in the form of a communication addressed to the German and Austro-Hungarian governments.

The text of the Turkish communication to the Berlin and Vienna governments follows:

"The Imperial Ottoman government had occasion in the course of the second half of last century to sign under various circumstances two important treaties—that of Paris of March 10, 1856, and the one of Berlin of August 3, 1878.

"The first established a state of affairs, an equilibrium, which the second treaty destroyed to a great extent, but both were disregarded by the signatory powers themselves, who violated their promises, either openly or secretly, so that, after having obtained the application of the clauses which were to the disadvantage of the Ottoman empire, they did not trouble themselves about those which were in its favor, and they even opposed them constantly.

Treaty Stipulations

"The treaty of Paris contained a stipulation, 'to respect the independence and territorial integrity of the Ottoman Empire,' and to guarantee jointly 'the strict observation of this agreement.' It further excluded all interference in the relations of the Imperial Government 'with its subjects and with the internal administration of the Empire.'

"This did not prevent the French Government from excercising in the Ottoman Empire an intervention, supported by armed force, and exacting the establishment of a new administration. The other signatory powers were then obliged to associate themselves diplomatically with this act, so as not to leave France free in her designs, which were contrary to the above mentioned stipulations of the treaty of Paris, and gave rise to fears of aims of annexation.

"On the other hand, the Russian government embarked upon a similar line of conduct by prevent the Sublime Porte, in an ultimatum, from taking action against the principalities of Serbia and Montenegro, which Russia had aroused, and to whom it did not fail to furnish arms, subsidies, officers and even soldiers, and finally to declare war on the Ottoman Empire, after having demanded that a new internal administration be established in certain Ottoman provinces, and that foreign interferance enter into the conduct of their public affairs.

"Moreover, the above mention clauses of the treaty of Paris did not hinder the French Government from occupying Tunis and establishing a protectorate over this dependency of the Empire; nor did it prevent the British Government from occupying Egypt and establishing effective domination, nor from making a series of encroachments on Ottoman sovereignty south of Yemen, at Nedjid, at Koweit, at El Katr, as well as in the Persian Gulf; nor did these provisions inconvenience the four Governments who are now at war with Turkey in modifying by force the status of the Island of Crete and in creating there a new situation in flagrant contradiction of the integrity which they had undertaken to respect.

Scrupulous Turks

"Finally Italy had no scruples in declaring war on the Ottoman Empire without any serious reason, simply with the object of conquest and to obtain compensations as a result of the new political situation in North Africa, and it did not even trouble to comply with its promise that it would, 'before using force, enable the contracting parties to prevent such extreme measures by mediation.'

"The Imperial Ottoman Government carried out very scrupulously the onerous clauses of the Berlin treaty, but the few provisions inserted there in its favor have remained a dead letter, in spite of its insistence and that of its creditors, owing to the interest which a certain power had in preventing all improvement in the fate of the Ottoman Empire.

"Moreover, the situation in which the two above-mentioned treaties were signed has completely changed. The Imperial Ottoman Government is at war with four of the signatory powers, the powers on whose initiative and assistance and in whose interest said conventions were concluded, a fact which annuls them absolutely as regards the relations between Turkey and those powers.

"Furthermore, the Imperial Government has allied itself with two of the powers on a footing of entire equality.

"Hence the Ottoman Empire has definitely abandoned its somewhat subordinate position under the collective guardianship of the great powers which some of the latter were interested in maintaining. It, therefore, enters the group of European powers with all the rights and prerogatives of an entirely independent government. This new situation also removes all raison d'etre for the above-mentioned treaties."

COUNTING ON PEACE

Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd Lines Calling for Freight for Steamers

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A Stockholm despatch to the Morning Post says that, according to the financial paper Affairsvarlden, the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines have circularized their commercial connections to the effect that their ships are ready to receive freight for America from February 1.

The ships of the two lines are stated to be now undergoing overhauling and re-equipping. According to this story, the Hamburg-American officials announced that they are prepared to resume regular sailings "after the conclusion of peace, or possibly earlier, if hindrances to shipping are removed."

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The following list was issued today:

Infantry

(Died of Wounds)

Pte. Stuart McDonald, Woodstock, Ont.
Pte. M. J. James, England.
Pte. S. Ramsden, Kerrisdale, B.C.

(Died)

Pte. Jos. Marotte, Montreal.
Pte. W. D. Mulroney, Golden, B.C.

(Previously Reported Missing; Now Believed Killed in Action)

Pte. S. Lyons, Regina.

(Dangerously Ill)

Pte. E. V. Edmunds, Belleville, Ont.
Pte. H. C. Martin, Scotland.

(Seriously Ill)

Cpl. Richard Ruscoe, Princeton, Ont.
Pte. F. Fair, Taber, Alta.

(Accidentally Wounded)

Lieut. J. G. Johnson, Calgary.

(Wounded)

Lieut. John McHardy, Ireland.
Major B. H. Arlagh, Toronto.
Pte. A. C. Rigby, Toronto
Pte. J. A. Hunter, Meteor, Sask.
Pte. Wm. Speirs, Winnipeg.
Pte. A. J. Hubert, Whitewood, Sask.

Mounted Rifles

(Previously Reported Missing; Now Killed in Action)

Pte. C. B. Hamilton, England.
Cpl. E. A. Davis, Winnipeg.
Pte. C. S. Rowles, Castle Coombe, Sask.
Pte. R. Burgoyon, Halifax.

Services

Pte. Mike Dawson, St. John, N.B.

ARMY HOPEFUL AS YEAR PASSES

Looking for Close of War Before Another Twelve-Month Ends—Antics of "Tanks" Coming Out for Exercise.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, Dec. 31.—Via London, Jan. 2.—(By Philip Gibbs).—Tonight it is another New Year's Eve and the year is coming to us with the same demands and the same promises, and the only difference between our hopes upon this night and those of a year ago is that by the struggle and the endeavor of the past twelve months the promise very near—very near, as we hope and believe—its fulfilment. Guns will speak again tonight saluting the first day of the last year of the war. The last year if we have luck.

It is raining now; soft rain is swept gustily across the fields by a wind so mild after all our mild weather that it seems to have the breath of Spring in it." For a little while yesterday this mildness and sunlight, lying over the battlefield, and the strange, rare inactivity of the artillery gave one for a second a sense that peace already had come and the victory had been won.

I stood looking on the Neuville St. Vaast and Vimy ridges. All the scene was quiet, the bright sunlight gleamed upon the broken roofs of Neuville and the white trenches seemed abandoned. A man was wandering up the road, where six months before he would have been killed before he had gone a hundred yards. It looked like peace again, but it was only the false mirage. There is no peace.

Presently a battery began to fire. I saw shells bursting over the enemy's position. Now and again there was the sullen crump of a German "heavy." There is no peace tonight.

No man can yet say with what face this new year of war will come. Our soldiers are not afraid to look it in the face. I can say this with truth, and they are glad to get rid of the old year, and they greet the new one with enormous uplifting of hearts and tremendous hope. There will be no fears tonight because 1916 is dead and done with.

"Tanks" at Play

This afternoon I renewed acquaintance with the tanks. They were in frolicsome mood, doing amazing tricks as though in sheer lightheartedness of spirit, like elderly elephants who had heard the call of Spring. These great monsters were sporting in fields pitted with shell holes. The ground beneath them was just a quagmire of mud and slime. I hardly believed Brother Tank could move in it, but he did more than move in it, and came in his curious, stealthy way, nosing forward; he halted a moment in front of a deep crater, and then went down into it, sweeping the moist earth from his flanks and then crawled up on the other side, very steadily, to some trenches, smashing through their parapets and straddling across in splendid style.

Other tanks came out from their lairs, bore down through hedges, climbed up steep banks and manoeuvred for position like land dreadnoughts. But the greatest achievement, at least the most spectacular thing done by these things was when one climbed over a high breastwork of sandbags. It was a most fearsome and fantastic sight, and made me grow cold with a sudden sense of terror, as though I were a German suddenly confronted by this monstrous apparition. It approached the breastwork slowly, halted a moment and then began to climb up.

Its huge form lifted itself higher and higher, as though the body of the beast was craning forward, like a sea elephant, challenging a rival. Then suddenly it plunged down the other side with a sudden swing and a clank of its gun turrets. These tanks taking exercise were a comic sight, as ludicrous as a nightmare from which one wakes laughing, but behind them is a sense of the horrible, because of their power as machines of death.

French and Greek Steamers

BREST, Jan. 3.—The French steamer Leon has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved. The Leon measured 2,401 tons gross. The Greek steamer Sappho, 2,087 tons, has been torpedoed. Nine of the crew were saved and the fate of the rest is unknown.

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PEACE THOUGHTS LAST OCTOBER

Dr. Hammann Says Germany and Her Allies Then Considered Making Offer—Hypocrisy Regarding Belgium.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The German impression of the Entente's reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers was reflected today in a statement made to the Overseas News Agency by Dr. Hammann, who, until the turn of the year, was director of the intelligence department of the Foreign Office. This comment was not based on the official text of the Entente reply, as thus far only the news press reports from Paris have been received here.

Dr. Hammann said there was consideration by Germany and her allies of a peace offer dated back as far as October. At that time the intention was entertained of making an honest and sincere attempt to prevent further useless bloodshed. Being asked as to the general impression created by the Entente reply, he said:

Case of Belgium

"If I am to express an opinion in a few words, it is this:

"Instead of talking peace around a peace table, the Entente deliberations took place on a judge's chair. Apparently the Entente forgot nothing that could possibly influence the neutrals against us.

"The point of the accusation, however, to which the largest space is allotted in the Entente note is 'the martyrdom of Belgium.' But if one desires to pass judgment on 'the martyrdom of Belgium' one must speak beforehand regarding 'neutral and loyal Belgium,' and this Belgium had ceased to exist long before the war. In this connection I wish to single out one point which up to now has not been sufficiently considered—the report made by Baron Greindl, Belgian Minister at Berlin, dated December 22, 1911.

"This clear-sighted statesman then explained forcibly that already at that time the Entente was inspired by nothing but the one thought of encircling Germany from the north. As proof of this Baron Greindl quoted the outcry started in Paris and London a short time before when the Dutch plan to fortify Flushing had been made known. Baron Greindl then said:

"'The reason why they wished that the Scheldt remain without defence was not concealed. In this they admitted their purpose to be able to transport an English garrison to Antwerp without hindrance, thus creating in Belgium a basis for operations in the direction of the Lower Rhine and Westphalia.'"

Baron Grindl reported that the plan was arranged in such a manner that the English auxiliary army was not to be landed on the Belgian coast, but in the adjoining French ports. This same plan of an English landing in order to threaten Germany was equally hinted at as imminent by Lord Roberts during the last Moroccan crisis. In such circumstances it most certainly would have been an easy thing for Belgium, after the German question in 1914 (whether Belgium would permit the passage of German troops) to take her armies back to Antwerp and then let the Germans under protest march through the country.

"How little such action would have violated the spirit of existing conditions may be understood if one recalls the secret clauses of the treaty of 1831. In them certain agreements from former times were maintained which reserve, as well to England as to Germany, the right to occupy a Belgian fortress."

Principle of Nationality

"In addition to this the question of principle of nationality plays a large part in the answer of the Entente. What importance must be attached to this principle in the present situation?"

In his reply Director Hammann emphasized every word:

"No nation," he said, "is better able to understand this principle than Germany, for no great civilized nation has suffered so much, has been forced to struggle so greatly because of being suppressed and dismembered by neighboring races.

"Germany has been brutally treated for centuries by her neighbors, despite this principle of nationalities. Yet in 1866—exactly 50 years ago—that is in the Nimoisburg peace (closing the war between Prussia and Austria), the clause was inserted upon the demand of Napoleon III, which left open for the southern German states the conclusion of a separate confederation.

"The leading, but unavowed, idea was then to found a new Rhinebund."

GENERALS RETIRED

French War Minister Continues Policy of Injecting Fresh Blood Into Higher Army Command

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Gen. Lyautey, Minister of war, is following vigorously the policy inaugurated with the relieving of Gen. Joffre of the supreme command of armies in France, and is constantly injecting new blood into the high commands.

One of his first acts as Minister of War was the transfer of eleven generals to the reserve, promoting in their places younger men who had made their marks in the recent fighting along the Somme and at Verdun.

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FIRE IN VALDEZ

Breaking Out of Flames in Different Places Indicates Incendiarism—Valuable Stock Burned

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—Fire that broke out at 2:45 o'clock this morning in the business district of Valdez, Alaska, destroyed nearly all the business district of the famous old mining town, which in the golden days of 1898 had a population of 1,800 and was the outfitting point for the placer mines of the interior.

It is reported that the fire started simultaneously in half a dozen different buildings, and that incendiarism is alleged. The general merchandise stock of Samuel Blum, valued at $75,000, was the largest single loss. The wharves were not damaged.

The intense cold made fire fighting impossible. A steamer has left Cordova for Valdez with supplies, and the steamship Spokane, which sailed from Seattle tonight, carried groceries and other supplies for the 650 inhabitants of Valdez.

Lord Curzon Married

LONDON, Jan. 2—The marriage of Earl Curzon of Kedleston and Mrs. Grace Elvina Duggan took place privately in London today. A small luncheon party followed. The marriage ceremony took place in the private chapel of Lambeth Palace, the Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of York, officiating.

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Note—Another prominent Physician to whom the above article was submitted, said: "Bon-Opto is a very remarkable remedy. Its constituent ingredients are well known to eminent eye specialists and widely prescribed by them. The manufacturers guarantee it to strengthen eyesight 50 per cent in one week's time in many instances or refund the money. It can be obtained from any good druggist and is one of the very few preparations I feel should be kept on hand for regular use in almost every family."

GERMAN PEOPLE FACING FAMINE

Message Sent to Outside World Through Neutral That Women and Children Are Starving—Revolution Talked Of.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Daily Express' Amsterdam correspondent wires:

"We are starving. Tell everybody outside Germany we are starving. If our soldiers can stand it any longer, we cannot. We women of Germany cannot go on seeing our children suffering deprivation and hunger. We cannot and will not. Death is better than such a life. Tell them, ask them to have pity on us if our own government has not. Tell them we are starving."

This is the pathetic New Year message which a special correspondent whom the Amsterdam correspondent sent on a mission of inquiry into Western Germany brought back for publication in The Daily Express. The correspondent is a neutral merchant of high standing and character, and the Amsterdam correspondent undertakes to vouch for anything he says. He visited a number of small towns near the Dutch frontier, spent a fortnight in Cologne and several days in Hanover.

People in Misery

The misery in the little towns of Northwestern Germany is terrible, despite the continual smuggling of foodstuffs from Holland. The people in Cologne had not had milk for four weeks, except the children under six, who receive less than a pint daily. There has been no genuine coffee for months; only an undrinkable substitute made with barley and sold at a high price. Beans, rice and dried vegetables are unheard of, except in the legendary pre-war stories, while fresh vegetables are all seized by Batocki for the army's use. The same remark applies to cheese and tea.

Every market day rioting takes place between buyers, and often between the buyers and the police. On December 12 two women were killed in the open market place of Cologne by revolver shots from the police because they were quarreling about the dearth of food.

According to the correspondent, there are plenty of signs of progress of revolutionary ideas. It was merely to stem this threatening tide that peace overtures have been made. Everybody in Germany knows that the Emperor, the government and the military clique are between two abysses—the revolution within and defeat without. The empire's soldiers on furlough discuss openly in the streets the topics and revolution and a German republic without soldiers.

Rebellious Soldiers

The spirit of soldiers on furlough, whom the correspondent observed, was extraordinary and almost incredible. Many refuse to return to the front, and have to be brought out of their homes by soldiers with bayonets and be sent to the city prison.

As to the future, there is no hope except in the Allies magnanimity in ending the war now. Nobody even hopes for a decent peace, let alone a good peace.

The correspondent heard it said among all classes of society that in the Spring of 1917 famine will surely come. If there is no peace, then revolution will break out in Germany.

This is not mere rumor. It seems to be the firm intention of the German working classes, who are the greatest sufferers by the war. Revolution is the great topic of conversation. The people are not agreed on the means, but the belief seems spreading that revolution is the only means of remedy for Germany's present troubles.

There is in Hanover also much talk about revolution and suppression of the Hohenzollerns. A leading town councillor said to the correspondent: "Yes, we shall all starve in April. We know it. But who knows whether a German republic will not be proclaimed before then?"

MAY SEEK ROAD IN SWITZERLAND

Germany's Massing of Troops and Digging of Trenches Near Border Are Regarded as Ominous.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The following various unofficial statements concerning Switzerland's action in case Germany violates her neutrality come in special telegrams to various Paris newspapers from Swiss correspondents, who describe the feverish trench-digging activities of the Germans just across the Swiss frontier and the massing of troops near the border.

Marcel Mutin, in The Echo de Paris, writes:

"We should be doubtful of Germany's excuses for concentrating troops in Sundgau, at the Swiss frontier, and no one should be deceived by the significance of the German trench lines, barbed wired, along the Holland frontier. We must watch carefully all our frontiers."

Louis Bresse, in Le Rappel, writes:

"If Paris were situated where Lyons is, this (violation of Swiss neutrality) would have occurred a long time ago. It is not only for commerce that German interests constructed at Basle one of the world's greatest railroad yards, but really to control the traffic and insure the mastery of Rhine navigation."

The writer explains that a thrust into France through Switzerland would turn all French defensive works in the east and enable the Germans to strike at Verdun from the rear and flank. The writer ends by asking if the German Swiss will be loyal to Switzerland.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED

Little One Trapped in Fire Which Destroyed Home of Its Parents Near Kamloops

KAMLOOPS, B.C., Jan. 2.—A falling stovepipe is supposed to have been the cause of a fire which destroyed the home of Edwin Blumenthal, at Robins Range, on Sunday afternoon, in which an infant was so severely burned that it died yesterday.

The fire was first noticed by a neighbor close by, on whom Mrs. Blumenthal was about to call. Both women rushed back to the burning house, where a four-year-old brother made an attempt to get the child from the house. He had managed to bring the baby to the door, but was forced by the flames to drop it.

The women then entered the house and brought the child out, but not before it was badly burned about the head and arms, causing its death on Monday.

Liquor in Saskatchewan

REGINA, Sask., Jan. 2.—All Saskatchewan is now hard and fast dry territory. The Government liquor stores made their last sales on Saturday and there is now no way of purchasing liquor within the Province. For the time being there is no prohibition law, the Sales of Liquor Act, under which the Government stores operated, being still in effect, with the stores themselves closed. At the next session, which starts probably in a couple of weeks, a prohibition bill will be brought in. There was nothing here to mark the close of the stores.

TAXATION IN INDIA

Finance Minister Combats Contention That Burden Is Heavy—Comparison With Other Countries

SIMLA, India, Jan. 2.—"So far from the people of India groaning under an enormous burden of taxation, India is one of the most lightly taxed countries on the face of the earth," according to Sir William Meyer, Minister of Finance for India, in response to the charges of over-taxation preferred by so-called extremists.

The total revenues, Imperial and provincial, for the current year, during which some additional taxation was imposed, amounted to £86,500,000, Sir William said, and this sum distributed among the 244,000,000 people of British India gave a resultant contribution per capita of only seven shillings. He pointed out that in three other Asiatic countries, Japan, Siam and the Dutch Indies, the rate per head was much higher, being 23 shillings in Japan, 12 shillings and 4 pence in Siam and 11 shillings and 3 pence in the Dutch Indies.

The Finance Minister said the land revenue has been one of the points upon which opponents of the Government have been most bitter, it being claimed that the farmer was kept in poverty by taxation. Sir William stated that of the total revenue of £86,500,000 for this year, about £22,000,000 was derived from the land, India being an agricultural country.

C. C. CROWLEY'S DEFENCE

Evidence Offered to Show That He Was in Tacoma When Dynamite Barge Blew Up at Seattle

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2—Witnesses were called by the defence today to prove that Chas. C. Crowley, detective for the German consulate here, was not in Seattle on the night of May 29, 1916, when a barge loaded with dynamite was blown up.

Crowley, co-defendant with Consul-General Franz Bopp and the other consulate associates charged with conspiracy, was declared to have spent the night at the Hotel Van Nuys, at Tacoma, Wash. It was about 2 a.m. on the morning of May 30, 1915, that the barge, laden with thirty tons of dynamite for Russia's armies, blew up.

Wm. Carruthers, district freight and passenger agent for the Union Pacific system at Tacoma, and his wife, Mrs. Jane Carruthers, were the new witnesses called. John Nellen, at that time manager of the hotel, and his wife, also were re-examined as to their memory of Crowley's movements that night.

Crowley's cross-examination was continued by District Attorney John W. Preston this afternoon. It is not expected that Mrs. M. Cornell, last of the five on trial in the U. S. District Court for conspiracy, will be called as a witness by the defence.

Peru's Finances Improve

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 2—The financial condition of the Peruvian Government, which was made difficult by the European war, has been improved by recent measures, resulting in the cancellation of debts amounting to about $4,000,000. Customs house receipts have increased largely.

Coal Miners at Work

FERNIE, Jan. 2—Pursuant to a resolution adopted on Sunday night by the Gladstone Local Union, the miners went to work today as usual. They have extended the time they will work to January 16, pending action by the Government.

Early Morning Shopping Is Best

Angus Campbell & Co. Ltd.
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Campbells' January Sale

Offers Unusual Values for Today's Shoppers



Huge Reductions on Women's Suits for Today's Shoppers

Lot No. 1 (Suits)—January Sale Price $7.50
Lot No. 2 (Suits)—January Sale Price $12.75
Lot No. 3 (Suits)—January Sale Price $15.00
Lot No. 4 (Suits)—January Sale Price $19.75

All Novelty Suits Clearing at Half Price

SALE OF DRESSES
Lot No. 1. Sale Price $10.50
Lot No. 2. Sale Price $12.50

SALE OF COATS
Lot No. 1. Sale Price $12.75
Lot No. 2. Sale Price $15.00

Opera Cloaks at $5.00, $10.00 and $17.50

An Extraordinary Sale of Handsome Tea Gowns

Priced at $8.25 to $14.00

To Clear at $4, $5, $6.75 and $7.50

For the convenience of the many shoppers who will partake in this sale of exquisite Tea Gowns we have removed them from the main floor to our large and spacious show room where they are attractively displayed at most interesting prices. The materials from which these beautiful gowns are developed are of a high-grade quality. On sale in the Mantle Section at $4.00, $5.00, $6.75 and $7.50

Marabou and Ostrich Neckpieces and Muffs Greatly Reduced

Fancy Muffs of Marabou and Ostrich, up to $9.00. To clear at $3.75
Three Only, Natural Muffs, at $2.75
Two Only, Sets of Clipped Ostrich, Muff and Stole. Regular $30.00, for $15.00
Pink, Sky and White Marabou and Ostrich Stoles. Up to $11.50, for $3.75
Cape Effect Piece of Natural Marabou. Regular $9.75, for $5.00
Natural Marabou Stoles. Reg. $3.50, for $1.95

House Dresses, Special Value at $1.25, $1.50, $1.75 and $2.00

Investigate This January Sale of Silk and Muslin Blouses

Three Dozen Smart Silk Waists to Clear at $3.50

Included are many pretty Waists of crepe de Chine, silk and fancy striped silks. Every Waist this season's buying. Marked for quick clearance at $3.50

Better-Grade Blouses, Regular Up to $9.75, on Sale at $4.75

For the woman in search of a handsome Blouse at a small figure, we advise a look through this splendid range. Included are many handsome models of taffeta, crepe de Chine and Georgette crepe, white and colors. Sale price, each $4.75

Sale of White Muslin Waists. Regular up to $1.75, for ..... 90¢

Another Line of Muslin and Jap Silk Waists at $1.00



Hosiery Bargains

Women's Black Cashmere Hose. Regular 60c. Sale price..... 50¢
Strong 1 x 1 Ribbed Hose; in sizes 8½ to 10. Regular 50c. Sale price pair ..... 25¢
Children's Heavy All-Wool Ribbed Hose; sizes 6 and 6½. Regular 40c. Sale price ..... 25¢
Infants' Silk and Wool Hose, in black, tan, sky, pink. Regular 50c. Sale price ..... 25¢
Penman's Mercerized Heavy Cotton Hose (seconds), slightly imperfect; worth 50c. Black only. Sale price, 3 for $1.00
Penman's Fine Quality Black Lisle Hose (seconds). Sale price, per pair ..... 50¢
Children's Pure Silk Hose. Black, tan and white, at ..... Half-Price

New Whitewear At Tempting Prices

Corset Covers, lace trimmed. Special value at 25c, 35c and ..... 45¢
Nightgowns, neatly trimmed in slip-over, button front and Empire style. Marked very special at 75¢, $1.00, $1.15 and $1.30
Drawers, open and closed styles. Extra value at, per pair, 35¢, 40¢, 50¢ and ..... 60¢
Skirts, lace and embroidery trimmed. Special at $1.15, $1.50, $1.90

All Other Lines Greatly Reduced for Sale

In the Children's Section

Headwear Reduced

Regular 75c for ..... 60¢
Regular $1.50 for ..... 90¢
Regular $1.75 for $1.35
Regular $2.75 for $1.50
Regular $2.90 for $1.75

Many pretty styles of Bonnets and Hats suitable for Little Tots and Misses.

Children's Coats at Sale Prices

Regular $3.90 for $1.90
Regular $5.50 for $3.50
Regular $6.75 for $4.50
Regular $7.50 for $5.50
Regular $8.25 for $7.00
Regular $9.50 for $6.00
Regular $10.25 for $9.50
Regular $11.00 for $9.75
Regular $13.75 for $11.00

Dresses Greatly Reduced

Regular $1.90 for $1.50
Regular $3.25 for $2.25
Regular $3.75 for $2.75
Regular $4.75 for $3.75
Regular $5.00 for $4.25
Regular $5.75 for $4.90
Regular $6.25 for $5.00
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Wednesday, January 3, 1917

RETURNED SOLDIERS

The Dominion Government, in consultation and co-operation with the Provincial Government, is to take up immediately the problem that will be presented by the return of soldiers from the war. Mr. Brewster or some member of his cabinet will go to Ottawa at the invitation of Sir Robert Borden to assist in devising a plan of action. We hope that whoever may represent British Columbia at the consultation will not make the mistake of supposing that the solution of the problem is to be found in placing soldiers upon farms and that nothing else will be necessary. A certain proportion of the returned men will be quite willing to engage in farming, but we do not think the number will be as large as some people have been inclined to think it will be.

Regarded from a British Columbia standpoint, the principal thing to be considered in this connection is the utilization of the vast natural resources of the Province in providing occupation for men who need it. Agriculture is one of these resources, but by no means is it the only one nor that most likely to be attractive to the discharged men. Our Coast and deep-sea fisheries, our timber wealth and our great stores of minerals may all be employed so as to give work at remunerative wages to tens of thousands of men. An important step to be taken will be the making of adequate provision for the defence of the Pacific Coast of Canada against any possible enemy. A large number of men might be employed in such work for several years. There has been talk of employing as many men as might offer in the construction of a transcontinental motor-road. We are not opposed to such a work, but we do assert without hesitation that devotion of the money involved in such a road to the purpose of making this Coast as safe from an enemy as it can be made would serve a much more useful purpose.

We think it desirable that anything in the nature of relief work should be avoided if possible and that the effort ought to be to take advantage of the opportunity that will present itself to increase the industrial efficiency of the returning men and to direct their labor along lines that will be permanently beneficial to themselves as well as to the country. This, we suggest, ought to be the dominating principle in the after-the-war policy.

THE HALF-HOLIDAY

We note what appears to be a growing feeling of opposition to the Saturday half-holiday. When this innovation was first proposed a very great many people, who did not imagine that they had any personal interest in the matter, were quite ready to assist the retail employees in obtaining what they wanted. Very few took the trouble to look at the matter from the standpoint of business, public convenience and ordinary common sense. We were told that the employees had to work hard, and we all sympathized with them without stopping to think that most other people, who have anything to do, also have to work hard. We were told that if the employees had Saturday afternoon off, they could go out of town for the week-end, and we all thought that would be a very lovely thing for them, and did not stop to think that it would also be a very lovely thing if the rest of us could have a week-end to spend in the country. And so we all held up both hands for the half-holiday. We did not stop to think what would happen if everybody else got the notion into his or her head that week-end half-holiday was, like trial by jury and the right of free speech, a part of our birthright as citizens, and proceeded to shut the whole town up tight from noon on Saturday until some time on Monday morning. We did not stop to think how we would manage to spend our week-ends in the country if the transportation employees thought they were entitled to exactly the same consideration as the retail employees.

Now that people have had time to think the matter over they have begun to realize that a mistake was made, that to single out any special class of workers and give them exceptional privileges is not good public policy. They are begining to see that, even if retail employees ought to have half a day off each week, there is no sense whatever in saying that the proprietor of a retail store must shut up shop and he may not serve a customer with the necessities of life without being liable to prosecution. He may not give his employees a half-holiday and remain at his place of business to attend personally to the wants of his customers. There must be hundreds of cases where people are not in a position to purchase what they require until Saturday afternoon. They must simply do without, no matter if doing without means short commons on Sunday.

It has been said that the law cannot take exceptional cases into account, but the Saturday half-holiday law is itself exceptional legislation and can only be justified on the ground that it is calculated to do the greatest good to the greatest number; and we venture to say that, if the advantage to the employees could be weighed in a balance against the loss to employers and the inconvenience to the public, the latter would be found to be far the greater.

THE WAR

This is the 887th day of the war, reckoning the beginning from Germany's declaration against Russia. It is the 853rd since Great Britain declared war on Germany.

There has been very little news of actual fighting for several days, the chief scene of activity having been in Roumania, from which conflicting reports have been received. Of rumors as to the future there is no lack. It is announced that Turkey has denounced the treaties under which her existence as an independent nation was secured. She is quite within her rights in doing this. The explanation offered is that she desires to be in a position to negotiate a separate peace. Another rumor declares that Bulgaria is weary of being Germany's tool and desires to make peace at the earliest possible day. Another deals with the possibility of a German invasion of Switzerland in the hope of reaching southern France by such a route. The preparations said to be in progress for that purpose would involve Swiss territory becoming a battlefield. We do not believe the Swiss would permit this, but would, like the Belgians, oppose an invading force.

A story of destitution and hunger in Germany comes by way of Holland. The dissatisfaction of the people is said to be profound and there is open talk of revolution. While such reports must be accepted with more or less allowance, we think abundant ground exists for believing them to be well founded. One form of the rumor is that revolution may be expected before April, otherwise starvation will come in that month.

INSTRUCTION IN AGRICULTURE

The Saanich School Trustees will meet the Victoria School Board today for the purpose of discussing the establishment of a department for instruction in elementary agriculture in connection with the High School. We hope the negotiations will be carried to a successful conclusion. As has been well said by one of the Saanich Trustees, "the tendency of school education is to lead young people to become consumers and not producers." Girls and boys are being equipped more or less efficiently for indoor jobs. To enable pupils to leave school and get work in some office is not indeed the object of the modern school curriculum, but that is its tendency. Manual training is counteracting this to some extent, but as yet nothing is being done to offset the influences at work to lead young people away from the farm, nothing to show them that in agriculture there is just as great an opening for the application of knowledge, skill and industry to profitable results as in any other department of industry.

We are not sufficiently well advised as to the details which the Saanich Trustees will submit to the City Board to be able to discuss them to advantage, but we are well enough informed as to the principle upon which their proposal is based to give it a very hearty endorsement. Especially do we urge that the novelty of the proposal shall not be regarded as a reason for declining to give it very serious consideration and carrying it into effect if it is within the range of reasonable possibilities.

POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY

The decision of the Manitoba Court of Appeals on the question of direct legislation seems to have come as a surprise to many people, chiefly because the basis of the decision is that popular sovereignty does not exist in Canada, but that our legislative bodies have only such authority as has been conferred upon them by the Imperial Parliament. We do not see how the correctness of this view can be called in question.

The idea of popular sovereignty originated in the United States and was a necessary consequence of the declaration of independence from Great Britain by the Thirteen Colonies. The authority of the King and Parliament having been abolished it followed as a matter of course that there remained no sovereignty vested in any person or organization. Hence the people were absolutely independent of control and to such a length was this idea carried that thousands of them believed that thereafter every person was at liberty to act according to his own sweet will, and in many cases did so. The outcome would have been chaos, but the wiser heads realized that there must be a definition of the powers of the government, and accordingly a constitution was formed by which such powers were delegated to the Federal authorities as were thought necessary for the purposes of orderly administration. The organization thus created, which consisted of a Parliament, two Houses of Congress and a Supreme Court, had no inherent jurisdiction and was only authorized to exercise such powers as were expressly given to its respective parts. The residue of authority so far as related to matter having a common application to all the thirteen states, remained vested in the people, and that residue, coupled with which is the power to annul the powers conferred by the Constitution, constitute what is known as popular sovereignty. The same rule holds good in respect to the several states, but is confined in its application to matters affecting the individual states as such. A people, absolutely independent, set out to form a system of government, and it necessarily followed that they retained in themselves all powers which they did not delegate to some one. We have never had anything of that kind in the British Empire.

Our governmental institutions originated with the exercise of plenary powers by an individual, who by election, personal prowess or some other reason was recognized as the head of the tribe or nation. From this beginning the British system has "broadened slowly down from precedent to precedent," until it has become what it is today. It has passed through a great variety of stages and the movement has not always been progressive. There have been peaceful and warlike struggles; one king was executed; a commonwealth was set up; a king was driven from the kingdom; a foreign prince was given the crown; but through all these changes there never was any doubt that every power necessary for the purposes of government was vested in the governing body. There was no such thing as a residue of power remaining in the people and to this extent there was no such thing as popular sovereignty. At the same time there never was any doubt as to the right of the people to say who should exercise this plenary power, which soon came to be understood, though nominally vested in the sovereign, as exercisable by Parliament only, whose decrees in the form of statutes he was impliedly bound to obey.

When colonies were first established they were regarded as being peculiarly within the jurisdiction of the sovereign, but after a time Parliament determined to control them, and certain powers were conferred upon governing bodies in those outlying parts of the Empire, which bodies have no inherent jurisdiction and are only clothed with such authority as Parliament may see fit to confer upon them. Thus, so far as colonial governments are concerned the residue of authority rests with the Imperial Parliament. If that Parliament should exercise its power in a manner that the people of Canada or any other self-governing Dominion felt inimical to their interests and redress should be refused, the only alternative to submission would be a declaration of independence, and if that independence were recognized by the imperial authorities, the result would be that sovereignty would be vested in the people, who might delegate what they saw fit to governing bodies and retain the residue.

A contemporary quotes from "Der Jag" of Berlin. In a list of Berlin papers we find "Der Tag." Perhaps there is no real difference.

The Vancouver World has been unable to discover "the perfect newspaper." We always suspected that The World did not look over its Victoria exchanges as carefully as it might.

The Lutheran clergy of Germany were ordered by an imperial circular to devote Christmas to preaching that Germany was engaged in a divine work and that her adversaries are the agents of Satan. Only a Prussian can see anything divine in the enslaving of the Belgians.

The Weekly Sun, an Ontario paper giving special attention to matters relating to the farm and home, is so very democratic that it never gives a Canadian his title. It is Mr. Borden, Mr. Laurier, Mr. Foster, and so on all along the line. We have not observed in it any references to the Duke of Devonshire, but we suppose it will speak of him as Mr. Cavendish.

Our local evening contemporary is quite wrong in thinking we apprehend that the decisions of the Workmen's Compensation Board may be tinged with political partizanship. Nothing was further from our thoughts. What we had in mind was that as the head of the board is a pronounced Liberal and the second member a pronounced Socialist, it might not have been unwise to have selected as the junior member someone not conspicuously identified with either party.

Never Again

"'Never again!' has become our battle cry."—David Lloyd George.

"You cannot have peace without goodwill."—Viscount Grey.

Never again must the horrors of the
nightmare years be known;
Never again the seeds of hate in the
soul of a nation sown;
Never through ages yet to be must the
tragedy be played
That desecrates the image of a god
that God has made.

Ye who would stay the hand that
strikes that tyranny may die,
Ye who are sad and sick at heart as
years of war go by;
Ye who are counting the price they pay
who pass in the battle flame,
Be silent ye, till the time shall come to
plead in our Saviour's name.

Beware, beware of the sacrilege that
even a prayer may hold
The glass is dark through which we
see His way with man unfold;
But out of the storm that tortures a
world that is black with war
Comes light that shall show up, groping, what the sacrifice is for.

Never again must strife like this take
toll of dying men,
This evil dream whence came this
crime man must not dream again;
Strike hard, strike home, crusaders,
that when your blows shall cease.
A world that wept, a world of woe,
May find eternal peace!

—E. S. Van Zile, in New York Sun.

PRESS COMMENT

Bryanism

Mr. Bryan telegraphed Lloyd George that no quarrel was ever settled by force. Mr. Lloyd George may fairly reply that what he proposes is that Germany shall not settle this one by force either. There is a curious kink in the mind of Mr. Bryan as evidenced by the details of his crusade against the use of force. He seems to specially resent, not the force that aggresses, but that which resists. He probably reasons that if there were no resistance there would be no conflict, and hence, peace. It is a pretty thought.—Toronto Star.

Why?

Austria once sent an ultimatum to Serbia. The date was July 4, 1914. A conference then would probably have averted the war. On July 27 Viscount Grey, in the interest of civilization and humanity, proposed the conference that would have kept the world's peace. On July 28 he explained that his idea in proposing a conference was not arbitration but a private and informal discussion to ascertain what suggestion could be made for a settlement. On every successive day until August 1 he was urging upon the Imperial Government at Berlin co-operation between England and Germany for the preservation of peace of Europe. On July 31 he asked Berlin whether the German Government was prepared to engage to respect Belgium's neutrality so long as no other power violated it. On the same day Sir E. Goschen reported to him that the German Government thought that any reply they might give as to Belgium "could not but disclose a certain amount of their plan of campaign in the event of war ensuing." On August Sir Edward Grey was still laboring manfully to bring about the conference. On the morning of August 4 Germany violated Belgian territory. Why in the peace conference in the interest of civilization and humanity, then so arbitrarily if not arrogantly, rejected now so ardently desired by the Central Powers. —New York Sun.

An Impossible Task

The American President will soon find that he has in his innocence undertaken an impossible task. Neither of the belligerent groups are within speaking distance of conditions which would incline them towards peace. The Allies are entirely confident that they will yet be in a position to dictate terms of peace. The Germans—barring internal weakness of which we hear only contradictory reports—think that they will be able to maintain the present deadlock until they have war-wearied the Allied peoples. Out of such conditions it is impossible to grow the olive.—Montreal Star.

Training Soldiers

General Leonard Wood, of the United States army, believes that a good soldier can be made in six months' of training under high pressure, while General Hugh Scott maintains that at least a year is necessary. Each is an authority on military matters and should know the capabilities of the American youth. An intelligent man, of course, can pick up a lot in a half a year or a year, but the rule that practice makes perfect applies to the soldier's trade as to all others. The soldier of a year has a lot to learn from his brother who has been in the service for three years or more. Experience tells.—Montreal Gazette.

The King's Message

The King has voiced the feelings of every one of his people in his Christmas message. It will go forth to the men in the field as a message from all the uncounted millions who make up this far-flung Empire. That it will inspire the men in khaki to greater efforts is impossible, because in their simple, manly way they are already doing their best. But it may and probably will inspire them with the knowledge, or confirm them in the knowledge, that every man in the Empire worthy of his flag is behind them in the magnificent work they are doing, and is ready to do his own share in this great crusade in any and every way that is within his power.—Montreal News.

An Absentee "Guardian"

Since 1838—the beginning of the present Poor Law system—a member of the House of Cavendish has always been chairman of the Board of Guardians in the Chatsworth district. When the present Duke received his appointment in Canada, he considered that he ought to resign, but the Bakewell board—the one in question—thought otherwise. They stated, through their clerk, that a break in the continuity of the office could only be regarded as a calamity to the Union, and asked that the resignation might at least stand over until the next election was fixed by Parliament. The Duke replied that as the connection between the board and his family was one of his cherished possessions, he was quite ready to leave the matter in the hands of the Guardians. The Duke therefore still remains chairman of the board.—Westminster Gazette.

Remember the "Common Soldier"

We would appeal to the authorities to cast aside the last lingering traces of the old idea which used to prevail at army headquarters, that the common soldier was a mere cipher, and that when the State had rounded off the career of some successful commander-in-chief with a peerage and the insignia of several orders of knighthood, it had fully done its duty also to the great soldier's veterans. The glorious heroism displayed during this war in circumstances and surroundings of unexampled danger and hardship has led to the institution of new medals and new crosses, and yet it is the unanimous judgment of all who have seen the fighting that these honors are rightly won over and over again by hundreds of men who receive no special recognition. We cannot do too much—indeed, we can never do half enough—in the way of recognition either for the living soldier or for the dead.—London Telegraph.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No letters to the Editor will be printed except over the proper signature of the writer. This rule admits of no exception.

A Note of Thanks

Dear Mr. Editor,—I think it is very kind of the people to help get the pantomime for us. It was a beautiful show. Please put this in the paper.

My Daddy is in France and I am going to write to tell him.

Age 8½ years.

ERIC COVENEY ALLEN.

68 Gow Street, Victoria, B. C., January 1, 1917.

Education

Sir,—Mr. Todd on Sunday invited your readers to take potshies at his definition of Education "possessing the power to appreciate differences." Surely it is up to Mr. Todd just to explain his definition.

But, sir, I would like to take a potshy or two at other parts of his letter.

Does he, for example, really believe that the products of "Eton and Harrow, Oxford and Cambridge, the public schools and colleges of Britain's wealth" are loafers? He really should read "Who's Who," or ask any Public School to send him an Old Boys' List. Let him inquire into the antecedents of any of our really great men with the single exception, perhaps, of Lloyd George. Let him go to Great Britain or to any of the Colonies and find out who are the heads of all our great institutions, governmental, mercantile or religious.

Does he mean that because the idle rich, who, by the way, have now disappeared as a class, could in the majority of cases be traced back to universities and public schools, therefore we must condemn those excellent institutions? Later on, about June or July, I can show Mr. Todd a wheelbarrow load of weeds taken from a first class garden, but we will not call that the "product of the garden."

Literature—Mr. Todd seems to think that because The Colonist complains about the quality of current literature, there must be something wrong with the teaching of this subject in the schools. Sir, if there were no complaints, there might be something wrong. The Colonist, as befits a real newspaper, has voiced public opinion, and the public, owing to education, is not satisfied with the quality of current literature, although it compares very favorably with that of, say, the Victorian Era.

Art—Mr. Todd wishes us to accept as proof of the failing of art teaching in the schools the fact that out of two thousand photographs sent him (presumably by amateurs), he can only find a dozen or so whose makers "had the slightest conception of the most elementary principles of art." The fault is not in the artistic qualities of the amateur photographer, he or she sees some beautiful or picturesque scene, or a beautiful face. Education enables him or her to recognize the beauty of it, but the amateur in him or her does not allow the artistic beauty to be transferred to the film. Only a professional can reproduce the real beauty of a scene or a face by means of a camera.

Drama—Mr. Todd says that although our curriculum includes at least one play of Shakespeare, the picture shows and vaudeville houses get all the patronage. If Sir Herbert Tree, Mr. H. B. Irving, Mr. Lewis Waller or any good actor or actress comes here, has he no following? Picture shows are cheap and amusing and will always be popular. Does Mr. Todd ascribe the success of our recent pantomime to "Red Cross" only, or was it also because the public recognize real dramatic talent? Personally I am a great admirer of the drama, but I also like vaudeville, because there I usually see and hear some real senseless fool. Even the cleverest men of the ages have all enjoyed the knockabouts and rough wit of fools.

Music—Now, sir, surely ragtime is not the outcome of our musical education? In Saturday's Times is a review of the work done by three local musical societies and, it seems to be a fact that in Victoria at least, people have a soul above ragtime. I know it is hard to get a seat for a Sunday band concert. I have no music in me, but the music at these concerts is pretty good, is it not?

Mr. Todd winds up with this awful lamentation. "There is something dreadfully wrong somewhere." Well, sir, I can't see that there is anything wrong. The old world goes ahead; we are advancing in knowledge in every direction. Education is free, and the methods of education are improving all the time. The products of modern education are not weeds, and I rather think that the lamentations of the few will never cease. Things are never so good as our grandfathers had them, and in forty years time our young men of today will be saying " . . . ." Well, Mr. Editor, [illegible] your father [illegible] ture with t' "Now, when

Victoria, B. C., January 1, 1917.

For Her Baby's Health

A pleasure-loving young mother who had, for the first five years of his life, turned over to trained nurses and a governess the care of her only child, was frightened by her physician into giving him some personal attention.

"Dearie," she cried, clasping the child to her breast, "mother is going down south for her darling baby boy's health."

Baby boy gazed at her with big serious eyes. "Mudder," he asked, "are you going to take me wif you?"

IN LIGHTER VEIN

"I wish I were yon star," he said dreamily.

"I wish you were," she returned promptly heroically swallowing a yawn.

"And why, dear one?" he asked, impulsively. "Why do you wish I were yon brilliant orb?"

"Because," she replied, in cold, matter of fact tones, "because yon brilliant orb is just about 11,000,000 miles away."

And he faded silently out like a mist before a Summer sun.

"Well, thank heaven," he said, approaching a sad-looking man who sat back in a corner, "that's over with."

"What is?"

"I've danced with the hostess. Have you gone through with it yet?"

"No; I don't need to, I'm the host."

The Cat and the Owl

"Metaphysics," said a clergyman, "is a subject that always makes one think of the cat and the owl.

"A cat, you know, once set forth in quest of happiness. She wandered up, she wandered down. She questioned this animal and she questioned that. Finally, wrapped in meditation in a tree, she perceived an owl.

"'Owl,' said the cat, 'tell me, most wise bird, where happiness is to be found!'

'In meditation,' the owl replied. 'Meditation alone is the true secret of happiness.'

"'But, said the cat, 'on what subject am I to meditate?'

"'On the subject,' the owl answered, 'which has occupied the race of owls since the beginning of time—namely, which came first, the owl or the egg, for, while the owl comes from the egg, so also does the egg come from the owl!'"

The Worm Turns

Four men were playing whist. One man was constantly criticizing his partner; finding fault with his play. Presently, after the victim had thrown away a diamond on a spade lead, the irascible one blurted out: "Dash it, man, haven't you got a black suit?"

"Yes," said his partner quietly, "and I'll soon be wearing it at your funeral if you don't shut up."

Early Hardships

"Tell me of your early educational hardships."

"Well, I lived seven blocks from a Carnegie library and we had no motor car.

On the Toboggan

Little Bobby—Don't you want to take me up to the toboggan slide with you some day, Mr. Jinks?

Mr. Jinks—I never go to any toboggan slide, Bobby; never saw a toboggan.

Bobby (a trifle nonplussed)—That's funny! I heard pa say something about your going down hill at a furious rate."

ANCIENT SIGNALS

Various Methods That Were Employed Long Ago to Transmit Messages

Considering the amount of thought and attention bestowed on the art of war by the ancients, says The United Service Magazine, it is strange that so little information regarding the methods of transmitting orders among their armies and fleets should have filtered down to modern times. For, as the Greek historian, Polybius, who lived in the second century B. C. very justly observed, "opportunity is of great advantage in all things, but especfally in war; and among the several things which have been invented to enable man to seize it, nothing can be more conclusive to that end than signals."

The earliest recorded means of conveying intelligence rapidly over great distance was by the human voice. Thus, when the King of Persia invaded Greece (450 B.C.) he is stated to have posted sentries at suitable distances apart, the whole way from Susa to Athens, by which means news could be transmitted at the rate of 450 miles in 48 hours.

According to Caesar, the same method was in use among the Gauls, who, he tells us, when desirous of transmitting important intelligence, or in need of help, shouted the news from place to place; and that thus the massacre of the Romans in Orleans, at sunrise, was known at Auvergne, 120 miles away, between 8 and 9 o'clock the same evening.

Obviously, such a method would be liable to interruption by weather. But, as human life was little accounted among the ancients, the normal line of shouters would, doubtless, be supplanted when need arose.

A proposal is said to have been made to Alexander the Great (356-322 B. C.) by a native of Sidon for establishing an "infallible method" of communication between Greece and his remote conquests in India within the space of five days. The King, however, regarding the proposer as an imposter, declined even to consider it, the fate of many a valuable suggestion in our own times.

Another method which originated in the mists of antiquity, was by means of pigeons. It is related by Pliny that when the city of Modena was besieged by Antony he sought to prevent all communication with the outside world by drawing lines around it and stretching nets across the river. Decimus Brutus (d 43 B. C.), who was in charge of the defence, was able to laugh at these precautions by using pigeons, to whose feet letters were fastened, which duly reached their destinations. "Of what use were Antony's entrenchments and sentinels, and of what service were all the nets he spread," asked Pliny, "when the new courier took his route through the air?"

FIFTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(From The Colonist, January 3, 1867)

Shipbuilding—A firm across the Sound has embarked its capital in shipbuilding on the principle that obtains in the Eastern provinces. The vessels will be built, loaded with lumber and spars, and sent abroad and sold with their cargoes. The Sound offers advantages for the prosecution of this branch of industry which are not to be had in any other part of the world.

Choosing a Capital—At 3 o'clock this evening the people of Victoria will be called on to express their views upon the important question of the location of the capital. So far as New Westminster is concerned, all are agreed that the remote, and the comfort of the officials, demand that the seat of government should be at once removed to Victoria as the temporary location.

Educational Matters—Nothing new has transpired concerning educational matters since the visit of the Board of Education to His Excellency; it appears probable, however, that no decision will be taken until the meeting of the Legislative Council. The common schools will be reopened this morning, under some discouragement, it is true, but with the hope that no interruption will be given to a system of education which has worked well and has done much towards keeping many families here who would otherwise have left us.

Church Hill Improvement—A graveled walk has been made from Church Hill along the Female College and as far east as Mr. Cochrane's. Another walk has been laid along the cemetery to Meare Street from the residence of Bishop Hills, and a part of the hill which obstructs the view of the cathedral.

VANCOUVER ISLAND

METCHOSIN

Under the auspices of the Farmers' Institute the residents of the Metchosin district gathered last Friday night in the Institute Hall to listen to speakers from the provisional committee formed at Duncan for the organization work in connection with forming a union of the farmers of the Province. The president of the Institute, Mr. C. Whitney Griffiths, was in the chair and introduced the delegates from Duncan. Mr. R. M. Palmer touched on the many problems facing the farmer. He spoke on labor conditions, taxation, now and in the future, transportation, immigration, farmers' credits and parliamentary representation. Mr. W. Patterson, who is the honorary secretary-treasurer for the provisional committee, followed Mr. Palmer and strongly urged all to join the movement and give farmers the strength that should be theirs to place them all on an equality with other industries. Speaking of parliamentary representation he said "we should have in the Provincial House at least twenty-five members looking after the interests of agriculture. This statement was heartily endorsed. A discussion followed. It was moved by Mr. W. O. Sweatman and seconded by Mr. P. D. Hillis, that the meeting organize along the lines proposed. This was carried unanimously. Mr. H. C. Helgesen, vice-president of the Institute and a member of the provisional committee, invited all to help to alter the present very unsatisfactory conditions, giving instances where the existence of such an organization would have been of great help. Mr. R. H. Pooley, member for Esquimalt, heartily endorsed the proposal and expressed himself as very greatly in favor of a farmers' union, it being cause for very great surprise that farmers were the least protected and in fact the only industry unorganized and thus at the mercy of all. Some thirty members of the audience paid in $1 each as a membership fee to pay organization expenses and officers were elected as follows: Mr. Henry C. Helgesen, chairman; Mr. A. Altree-Coley, secretary-treasurer; Messrs. P. D. Hillis, J. Fairall, A. Hankin, A. Cosh, committee, with power to add to their number. The recruiting staff of the 230th Forestry Battalion was present and Lieut. Loveland gave a stirring address on the work of the battalion. He appealed for recruits, urging every available man to come forward and take the opportunity offered to do his bit in the great struggle for an early victory. His appeal was successful, as several attested and others promised to do their best. Lce.-Corp. Brown got to work with a big roll of paper and cleverly sketched in crayon a logging scene and Sergt. Capon lost no time interviewing possible recruits. Whilst refreshments were being served a big Christmas cake, given by Mrs. Henry Helgesen, was raffled, Mr. H. G. Pierce selling no less than $8.30 worth of tickets. The money received is to be used for purchasing cigarettes for the boys who have gone to the front from the Metchosin district. These would be sent forward through the mail by Mr. Hardie, of Messrs. Hardie & Co., of Metchosin. The winner of the cake was Miss Fanny Blythe, of Metchosin.

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MAJOR J. F. CAMPBELL

Major John F. Campbell is mentioned among the Canadians who have been recently decorated with the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry in the field. It is practically certain that this officer is the son of Capt. the Rev. J. Campbell, of "Breadalbane," Fort Street, who is chaplain of the 50th Gordon Highlanders.

Private advices received by his relatives state that Major Campbell was some time ago recommended for a decoration in recognition of his courage and resource at the fighting around Courcelette last Fall. He was placed in charge of 300 men and given orders to establish a position wherefrom the British might direct their fire upon the enemy. Major Campbell constructed a road to the objective and, under heavy fire from the enemy, managed to clear the way for bringing up the guns. While a number of men were lost in the undertaking, it accomplished the object and the guns were able to drive back the Germans a considerable distance.

In civil life Major Campbell was a land surveyor, being associated with the firm of Gore & McGregor. While in the surveying business he spent some three years at Fort George. In August, 1914, he enlisted with the 50th Gordon Highlanders, a regiment which is already represented at the front by many soldiers who have won distinction in this war—to mention a few of them: Major-General Currie, C.B., Brigadier-General Garnet B. Hughes, C.M.G., and Lieut.-Col. Lorne Ross, D.S.O. He subsequently was transferred to the 48th Battalion and took out a commission as lieutenant in that unit. He was made captain and major in rapid succession after reaching the scene of battle, and these promotions were fully deserved by the splendid service which he gave his battalion. The 48th became a pioneer unit after reaching England. Before joining the Gordon Highlanders he served some four or more years with the 5th Regiment, C.G.A., so he was not without military experience when the war broke out. He has three brothers, two of whom have returned disabled by wounds, while the third is still on active service.

VICTORIA MAY BE AVIATION CENTRE

Capt. Lord Alastair Innes-Ker's Visit Has Joint Purpose—Sidney Is Possible Site.

Victoria may be chosen by the Imperial Government as a suitable place for the establishment of an extensive aviation depot, where Canadians can be trained for overseas service with the Royal Flying Corps.

Capt. Lord Alastair Innes-Ker, R.F.C., who was in the city for a short time last week, returned yesterday and spent most of the time in consultation with Capt. C. Tweedale, district intelligence officer, Work Point, discussing with him the various questions that would have to be taken into consideration before finally making arrangements for establishing the proposed depot here.

In company with Capt. Tweedale, Lord Innes-Ker is paying a visit to Sidney this morning and will make a thorough inspection of the camp site which was occupied last Summer by the 143rd and 231st Battalions and the Yukon Infantry Company as training quarters. The open country in that district is said to be admirably suited for the locating there of an aerodrome, and the sheltered position which it enjoys from the strong winds which prevail in the southeast of the Island is another point in its favor.

If it is finally decided to make Victoria, or Sidney, the site for the depot, it is understood that Lord Innes-Ker, who is representing the Imperial Government in the matter, will notify the British authorities of his decision and the undertaking will at once be begun and the institution made one of a chain of similar establishments throughout Canada.

Large Aerodrome

The depot which the Imperial Government intends to build somewhere on this Coast will consist of a large aerodrome, housing several machines, and with facilities for giving instruction to thirty recruits at a time, under the supervision of one or more experienced officers who have seen actual service with the Flying Corps.

Canadian aviators have made an enviable reputation for themselves in the war and many British Columbians have been decorated for their achievements while patrolling the air over the British lines. A Victoria aviator, who visited the city only a short time ago, is said to have accounted for the destruction of fifteen enemy aeroplanes by himself. The authorities fully recognize the ability that seems to be inherent in the young manhood of Canada and the aptitude which it possesses for service in the Flying Corps, and it is partly the mission of Lord Innes-Ker in Canada to recruit men for the R.F.C. Under the present system, however, recruits have to go East to Toronto to receive preliminary training at the Curtiss school there. The necessity has developed of establishing additional depots at other points in the Dominion, and Lord Innes-Ker is making a full survey of conditions here before making his report. Lulu Island was one of the places which he visited last week. He will go back to the Mainland tomorrow, but while in the city will receive applications for membership in the Royal Flying Corps. Accepted recruits will be sent direct to England.

Lord Innes-Ker is a guest at Government House. He has seen considerable service during the present war, having been attached to a cavalry regiment. He won the D.S.O. in the Boer War.

TWO VICTORIANS KILLED IN ACTION

Pte. Thomas Dixon Went Away With 47th—Pte. Samuel Walker Shot While Bringing in Wounded.



PTE. THOMAS DIXON
Killed in Action.

Pte. Thomas Dixon, who was reported missing on November 11, has been killed in action, according to yesterday's casualty list. Pte. Samuel Walker, of the 67th, was killed on November 23 while bringing in wounded.

Pte. Dixon was a brother of Mr. I. B. Dixon, of 1522 Camosun Street. He was employed by Messrs. Knott Bros. before war broke out, when he joined the 50th Gordon Highlanders. He subsequently arranged for a transfer, to the 62nd Battalion, and with that unit he went overseas. He was again transferred upon arriving in England to the 47th Battalion, and he had been some four months at the front when he met his death. He is a Canadian by birth and 42 years of age, having come here from Winnipeg ten years ago.

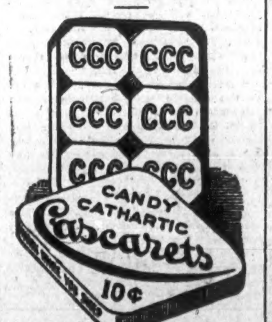
Pte. Walker was a member of the stretcher bearers of the 67th, Western Scots (Pioneers), and before enlisting was a prominent member of the Y.M.C.A., as such being exceedingly popular with all those associated with that organization. He was about 27 years of age, and came here from England several years ago. He was a talented pianist, and his services were of great value at the various concerts given in the Y.M.C.A. huts behind the firing line. His mother died some time ago, but his father is still living at the old home in Berkshire, England.

Members of the Canadian Army Medical Corps gave a farewell concert to the 12th draft last Friday evening at Willows Camp. The chair was taken by Major Cummings. The entertainment consisted of songs and recitations contributed by the men of the unit, and during the evening a presentation was made to Sergt.-Major Jones from the N.C.O.'s and men of the C.A.M.C. stationed here. Refreshments were served, and the singing of the National Anthem brought the function to a close.

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Reginald Stewart is his name. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stewart, of San Jose, and while he has lived in the United States for seven years, he claims Australia as his home, and real British blood runs in his veins. He was down in California when war broke out and it took but a short time for him to hear the call of the Empire. He put aside his business and came to Victoria without delay, signing on the strength of the 88th Fusiliers as soon as he arrived.

When the 30th Battalion was mobilized under Lieut.-Col. John Hall, he was one of the first to arrange for a transfer to that unit. He was in an early draft to be sent across from England to the firing-line, and he was just in time to take part in the fighting around Festubert. Holding danger in contempt, he volunteered as a member of "the Suicide Club"—the bomb-throwers. He was engaged in bombing some Germans out of a house in which they had forti-fiedthemselves when he was hit. Last May he found himself on his way back to his home in California, nursing the wounds which had made him temporarily unfit for further service.

But he isn't downhearted. As soon as his injuries healed sufficiently he started back to Victoria and he arrived here on the Governor. He is now at the Dominion Hotel, trying to make up his mind as to the best battalion for him to join.

MILITARY NOTES

Plans are being made by the 143rd Battalion, B.C. Bantams, for holding a route march tomorrow. It will be participated in by practically every officer and man in the unit. Just at present about half the strength is on leave, but all will be back some time today.

The following soldiers, disabled through wounds or illness, returned to the city yesterday and are now at the Military Convalescent Hospital, Esquimalt: Ptes. J. A. Taylor, C. H. Burdette, M. H. Robertson and G. H. Chamberlain.

Lieut. Quinlan, of the newly authorized company of the 102nd Battalion, Rocky Mountain Rangers of Kamloops, has arrived to take an instruction course at Work Point in physical exercise and bayonet fighting.

MR. J. NICHOLSON WILL RUN FOR REEVE

Mr. Joseph Nicholson, in response to deputations which have waited upon him during the past few days, decided definitely yesterday that he would be a candidate for the reeveship of Saanich at the forthcoming municipal elections.

Mr. Nicholson has served two years as councillor and fours years as reeve in Saanich, and is thoroughly acquainted with the district. He objects to the way in which the Saanich council during the past three years has been spending money. He also wishes to establish a more cordial relationship between the municipality of Saanich and the City of Victoria.

Councillor F. N. Borden is the other candidate for the Saanich reeveship. He also has served for a number of years in the Saanich Council.

At present there are only two candidates for the school board, Chairman J. L. Brooks and Reeve McGregor.

At a meeting of the Ward 5 Ratepayers' Association, which was held at the Royal Oak yesterday, the candidature of Mr. Joseph Nicholson for reeve of the municipality, and that of Mr. James Pim for a seat in the council, were unanimously endorsed.

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Fifth Regiment Band Concert — The concert by the band of the Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., on New Year's Eve in the Royal Victoria Theatre was exceedingly good and enjoyed by an audience that occupied every seat in the building. The band was in splendid form and earned encores for every number. The overture "Tancredi" and the operatic selection "Bohemian Girl," ever a favorite with Victoria audiences, being the most popular of its offerings. Bandsman Haggart, on the monster double B flat bass, and Bandsman Cheney on the saxophone, gave great pleasure in the rendering of their respective solos, for which they received hearty recitals. Miss Lillian Haggerty sang with great effect the two solos on the programme, "The Break of Day" and "Love Is the Wind." Her singing was greatly enjoyed, and the audience would not be satisfied until encores to each of the numbers given. Miss Haggerty generously responded to each of her numbers with "King George" and "A Bird's Lullaby." Mrs. A. J. Gibson accorded the most excellent support to the young artist by her sympathetic and skilful accompaniment on the piano. Bandmaster Smith and the members of the band are greatly elated over the splendid support accorded them by the large audiences attending these concerts.

Appeal to Privy Council — Formal leave has been granted the Westholme Lumber Company to appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the Court of Appeal dismissing the appeal against Mr. Justice Murphy's judgment in the Supreme Court in the city's favor. The appeal will be heard in London in May. Mr. W. B. A. Ritchie, senior counsel for the city, will arrive in Victoria shortly to consult with City Solicitor Hannington.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

Goes to Aged Home—Mr. Albert Brown was last night admitted by the City Council to the Home for the Aged and Infirm.

Argument on Monday — On Monday next Judge Lampman in the County Court will hear argument in the Hillside Avenue widening case.

Bureau Furnishes Employment—During December the Municipal Free Labor Bureau found work for 16 skilled workmen, 164 unskilled men, permanent positions for 42 women and day jobs for 204 women.

S.P.C.A. Activities—The report of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for the month of December shows the following cases dealt with: Horses, ten; cattle, two, dogs, four, and condemned horses, four.

Aid Vacant Lot Cultivation—To aid Messrs. T. Walker and G. W. Allison, of the Vacant Lot Cultivation Committee of the Affiliated Friendly Societies, the City Council last night granted them $100 for this year's work.

Public Market — The midweek public market will be held today, when there will be a large attendance of producers. The popularity of the Wednesday session is growing, and it is the effort of those responsible to attract a continually increasing patronage.

Snow at New Westminster—At New Westminster five and a half inches of snow fell in the early hours of New Year's Day, being succeeded by a heavy rain, which lasted practically all day. The snow was so deep on the sidewalks that the services of the city snowplough had to be requisitioned.

Cloverdale Red Cross—The Cloverdale branch of the Red Cross Society has decided that in future the workrooms of the branch at the corner of Cloverdale Avenue and Douglas Street will be kept open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except on Saturdays. The change will take place today, when a comfort shower will be held.

Returns Town Clock Key—The big key for the City Hall clock was handed in to the City Council last night by Mr. Charles E. Redfern, whose contract as clock custodian expired at the end of the year. Aldermen said that it was more than likely that next year's Council would ask Mr. Redfern to continue his work as it has been satisfactory.

Tax Delinquency Committee Today—The Tax Delinquency Committee of the City Council will hold its second session at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Council Chamber. One of the questions to be dealt with at the meeting will be the enlargement of the committee by adding eleven representatives of public organizations interested in solving the tax and assessment tangles.

Verdict of Suicide—The coroner's jury which yesterday afternoon sat at Thomson's Funeral Parlors to inquire into the death of the late Charles M. Woodcock, which occurred at the Provincial jail on Saturday afternoon last, returned a verdict of "suicide by hanging." The remains are to be shipped to Seattle for cremation and the ashes are to be forwarded to relatives at San Diego.

Will Be Given Permit—J. M. Ying is not as bad as the police thought he was two weeks ago, when they asked the City Council to refuse him a permit to run an employment agency in the Chinatown part of Government Street. Since the refusal many of Ying's friends have seen the police and convinced them that Ying is a man of weight in the community. The Council is therefore granting him the permit.

Worst Street in City—Pembroke Street between Government and Store Streets is in such a bad condition that it is almost impossible to do business in the district, the Marine Iron Works informed the City Council last night. "It is one of the worst, if not the worst street, within the city limits," continued the protest. Alderman Porter and City Engineer Rust will see what can be done to remove the cause of complaint.

Rent for Willows Camp—According to information furnished to Alderman Fullerton by City Comptroller Raymur at last night's meeting of the City Council, the $18,000 which the Dominion Government has agreed to pay the city in settlement for the use of the exhibition grounds at the Willows is made up as follows: Two years' rent, at $600 a month from August 1, 1914, $14,000; damage and repairs to buildings, $3,600.

City Police Court—In the police court yesterday a lady who had left her motor car standing without lights after nightfall was fined $5. A case of drunkenness was also dealt with and the usual fine imposed. During the holiday season the police have been lenient with those who imbibed too freely, and arrests which, under ordinary circumstances, would have taken place, were not made. Officials state, however, that there was a very gratifying absence of drunkenness this year, compared with some former seasons.

Patriotic Aid Fund—With the close of the holiday season there has been a resumption of activity on the part of the committees engaged in canvassing for the 1917 fund of the Patriotic Aid Society and at the rooms of the campaign committee, 606 Union Bank Building. Very shortly a meeting of ladies will be held to lay out plans for the canvassing of the residential areas of the city. The following subscriptions were reported yesterday: First Church of Christ, Scientist, $141.30; Miss M. J. Ozard, $25; J. H. Oldfield, $120; Mrs. C. R. Dunsford, $50; employees of People's Cash Grocery, $5.75 per month.

Proposes Food Cost Probe—The City Council last night turned over to its legislative committee the resolution passed on to it by the Nanaimo City Council asking the Dominion Government "to investigate the cost of producing canned goods, sugar and flour which are believed to be under monopolistic influences and to fix a reasonable price on the same." The resolution also asked for "more drastic action to regulate the export of foodstuffs to protect first home demands, to remove tariff barriers on foodstuffs required in Canada, to fix prices on wheat and to regulate selling prices of the same as far as possible.

Garden City "Comfort Shower"—The Red Cross committee of the Garden City Women's Institute held a tea and comfort shower at the home of Mrs. Birkett, Jasmine Avenue, on Wednesday last. A beautifully dressed doll with a complete wardrobe, which had been most generously donated by Mrs. Foster, was raffled, the winning ticket being No. 1. An impromptu but enjoyable programme of music was kindly furnished by Mesdames Harrison and Thompson and Miss Rowland. Home-made candy was sold and refreshments served. The afternoon, despite the weather, was altogether successful, both socially and financially, resulting in four filled comfort bags and $27.75 in cash.

Mayor to Aid Recruiting—The request of Capt. W. E. Oliver, of the 88th Battalion, for the moral assistance from the City Council in the Battalion's recruiting campaign in the city, was at the suggestion of Alderman Porter, last night at the City Council, referred to Mayor Stewart "because he always was interested in recruiting." "I was thinking you might feel like joining up, Your Worship," continued Alderman Porter. "You'll have a holiday after the election next week." "I might," replied the Mayor. "He wants to get rid of you, I think," said Alderman Walker to the Mayor. "Well, he'll get rid of me—but not yet," was the reply.

Retiring Pastor Honored—As a tribute to the worth of Rev. Dr. Cameron, of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, who is resigning his pastorate, a luncheon was given in his honor at the Y.W.C.A. at 12:30 p.m. yesterday by the Ministerial Association. Following the luncheon the Rev. R. A. MacConnell, president of the association, presented him with an address which spoke in the highest terms of praise of his valuable services to the community both from spiritual and social standpoints. Dr. Cameron is shortly leaving for Seattle, where he will take up his residence. The Ministerial Association was largely represented at the luncheon, the following being present: Revs. R. A. MacConnell, M. T. Habershon, W. Stevenson, C. Croucher, A. S. Colwell, F. J. Thompson, Leslie Clay, J. McCoy, H. N. Maclean, F. Cook, J. Robson, H. S. Osborne, C. M. Tate, A. T. Ledingham, J. M. Graham, A. B. Osterhout and A. deB. Owen.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Isabel Forin and Master P. McL. Forin, of Nelson, are spending the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Fell, "Foreen," Foul Bay.

Mr. Frank Clark and his daughter, May, are spending a short vacation at Vancouver as the guests of Captain and Mrs. Alfred Copp.

Miss Alice Ravenhill, of Shawnigan, who, with her sister, has been spending some time here, left yesterday for Eugene, Oregon, where she is giving a course of lectures for the Farmers' Week at the Oregon State Agricultural College.

Mrs. Valentine Winkler and Miss Ruth Winkler, of Winnipeg, arrived in Victoria yesterday to spend several weeks visiting friends. Before returning East they will spend a few days in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Madison and family, after spending the New Year in this city, left yesterday for their home in Seattle.

Mr. J. MacFarlane and Mr. R. Riddell, after spending the past week in this city, have left for their home in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fitch and family, of Winnipeg, left on Sunday afternoon en route to here to spend a short holiday. They will then proceed to California where they intend to spend some months visiting relatives.

Mr. A. D. McPhadden, who has been spending the past six months in Prince Rupert on business, has returned to this city.

Mr. R. McMicking, of Seattle, who spent the New Year in this city with friends, has returned home.

Mr. Harry Nunan, manager for the Atlin Fisheries, arrived from the North on the Grand Trunk Pacific steamer Prince George, and expects to spend several weeks visiting Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sheringham, of New Westminster, are visitors in Victoria for a short time.

Mr. F. L. Thomas, of Saskatoon, is spending a few days in Victoria en route to California, where he will spend a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliphant, of Gordon Head, spent the New Year in the city.

Dr. J. T. Atkinson and Mr. A. J. Baxter were Vancouver visitors during the week-end.

Mr. James Kennedy, of Rossland, passed through here en route to Spokane, where he will spend several weeks.

Mrs. Jack Keefe and baby, who have been spending the past two months in this city with friends, have left for their home in Prince Rupert.

Mr. Thomas Connor, after spending several weeks visiting Victoria and Vancouver, has returned to his home in Spokane.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McMahon and Mr. F. W. Peters, of Calgary, have left for Victoria en route to San Francisco, where they will spend a short holiday before proceeding to Honolulu to spend the Winter months.

Miss Doris McCarter, of Calgary, is spending several weeks visiting the Coast cities.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thearle, of Seattle, after spending the week-end in Victoria, have returned home.

Mr. A. J. Scott, of Calgary, after spending several days in this city, has left for California, where he will spend a short vacation.

Mr. L. Charlton, of Calgary, is a visitor in Victoria for a few days en route to California, where he will spend the Winter months.

Mr. W. Payne, after spending the week-end in Victoria with friends, has returned to his home in Vancouver.

Mr. F. W. Dixon, of Toronto, who has been spending several days in this city, has left en route home.

A marriage of considerable interest to the friends of the principals was celebrated on Monday, January 1, at Christ Church Cathedral, when the Lord Bishop of Columbia united in marriage Ann Isabel, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Buss, of 1512 Fort Street, and Lieut. Wm. Paterson, D.C.M., second son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paterson, of Brooksley, Koksilah, B.C. The wedding was very quiet, only a few relatives being present.

Mrs. W. J. Bartram and her daughter, Marion, of Vancouver, are visiting in the city, the guests of Mrs. J. S. Greig, 734 Burdett Avenue.

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THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., January 2, 1917.

SYNOPSIS

Since yesterday an ocean low barometer area has crossed this Province, and heavy rains have occurred on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, and heavy rains now prevail in California. Snow is reported in Cariboo and Kootenay while in the Prairie Provinces temperatures are above zero.

TEMPERATURE

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	38	43
Vancouver	34	40
Kamloops	28	30
Barkerville	22	26
Prince Rupert	32	34
Calgary	18	40
Winnipeg	6	16
Portland	40	50
San Francisco	42	48
Port Arthur	12	22
Penticton	24	30
Nelson	26	30
Grand Forks	22	31
Prince George	22	25
Ottawa	22	26
Montreal	22	24
St. John	22	34
Toronto	24	30
Halifax	30	34

TUESDAY

Highest	43
Lowest	38
Average	35
Minimum on grass	36

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LARGE AREA WILL REVERT TO CROWN

Time Has Expired for Holders of Government Lands to Come in Under Terms of Soldiers' Homestead Act.

Yesterday was the last day on which holders of lands purchased from the Provincial Government were permitted to pay up arrears in order that they might take advantage of the provisions of the Soldiers' Homestead Act passed at the last session of the Legislature.

Then it was estimated that there were about 2,500,000 acres held by purchasers on time payments and on which there was due to the Government some $11,000,000. The Homesteads Act provided that unless arrears on this land were paid up by December 31 the land should revert to the Government, but it was also provided that holders might, before December 15 last, make application to the Government to be allotted such proportion of their holdings as would amount, in value, to the amount of money paid on account of purchases.

The idea of the Government was that while such a plan would protect purchasers to the extent of the money they had paid in, it would also supply a large amount of good land as a nucleus for the area which it was proposed should be available for the returned soldier.

While the definite figures are not yet available it is considered likely that about seventy-five per cent. of the lands on which are arrears will revert to the Government as the holders have not paid up their arrears. What amount of arrears have been paid up by holders who are desirous of securing allotments is not known but yesterday there was taken in at the land department between $250,000 and $300,000, one big land concern putting in a cheque for $130,000.

NO REFERENDUM ON HALF-HOLIDAY

Petition to Council Signed by Ten in Place of Nine Hundred—Protest Saturday Afternoon Market.

A petition asking the city council to submit a referendum on changing the weekly half-holiday from Saturday to Wednesday was presented to the city council last night. It was not considered by the aldermen, however, after it was discovered that it was signed by only Mr. N. W. Dobeson, of Leighton Road, and nine others. The petition to be effective should have been signed by 900 persons, which number would be ten per cent of the number of qualified voters of the city.

"On behalf of several of the retail clerks who have had the pleasure of enjoying the Saturday half-holiday, I wish to enter a protest in regard to the petition that will be presented to you asking for a referendum vote, because many of those who have signed it are not on the voters' list," wrote Mr. J. B. McCallum, of 1366 Pandora Avenue. Mr. McCallum was informed that his protest was unnecessary, as even if those who signed were all on the voters' list there were just one-hundredth of the number there should have been for the council to take any notice of at all.

In connection with the Saturday half-holiday, Mr. H. A. Dibble, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, protested against the public market being allowed to remain open after one o'clock on Saturdays for the sale of meats, fish and other articles, which are not exempt, in violation of the Weekly Half-Holiday Act, while our merchants in the same lines of business are obliged to remain closed.

"This we feel is very unfair to our merchants who have invested their capital in their business, who are the employers of no small amount of labor, who contribute their share to the expense of the upkeep of this city, through the payment of taxes and who, let us hope, are all qualified electors of this municipality, while a very large majority of the market stall owners are not even taxpayers, qualified electors, or have any investments in the city of Victoria," continued Mr. Dibble.

"Certainly some one has been violating the terms of the Act in a most flagrant manner. This has continued since July 1 last, and we feel that we are entitled to know who is responsible for these infractions of the law, and what assurances may be had for an immediate remedy of the same."

Alderman Johns, chairman of the market committee, declared that the merchants had some cause for complaint, and the matter was referred to his committee for report.

CANADA'S OUTLOOK

Professor Adam Shortt Addresses Canadian Club Meeting Tonight—Public Invited to Attend

Professor Adam Shortt, a distinguished authority on social and economic problems, will address a public meeting being held tonight under the auspices of the Canadian Club at the Girls' Central School.

The subject of Professor Shortt's address will be "The Canadian Outlook, National and Financial," and it should prove of great interest to all those interested in the Dominion's welfare, especially at this time in the nation's history.

Mr. John Cochrane, vice-president of the Canadian Club, will be in the chair, and representations will be present from the Women's Canadian Club and the University Women's Club.

OFFERS THREE PRIZES

Mr. M. J. Haney, of Toronto, has forwarded a telegram to Lieutenant-Governor Barnard in which he explains that in order to assist in the national thrift campaign he purposes awarding three prizes gold, silver and bronze medals, with substantial purses added, to the youth of British Columbia, male and female, twenty-one years of age or under, for the three best essays on thrift and savings, one of the essentials for peace preparedness.

His Honor is asked to co-operate and name a committee of five to receive, examine and award the prizes. This His Honor has consented to do, and expects shortly to hear from Mr. Haney again as to the details of the competition.

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VICTORIA'S LOSS BY FIRE IS SMALL ONE

In Past Year Aggregate Loss Was Less Than $30,000—Points to Efficiency of Protection System.

Victoria's total fire loss during the year just ended was but $29,980, with one exception, the smallest loss in the past ten years. Loss on buildings was $11,985 and on contents $17,995. These figures are eloquent testimony to the improved regulations here from the standpoint of fire protection and the continued high efficiency of the city's fire fighting force. According to the yearly figures compiled by Fire Chief Davis the fire loss in Victoria since 1909 when the chief instituted a proper system of records, was as follows:

Year—	Buildings	Contents	Total
1909	$ 31,610.00	$ 42,775.00	$ 74,375.00
1910	191,252.60	405,988.90	597,241.50
1911	54,269.50	88,461.00	132,730.50
1912	49,997.60	84,064.20	134,061.80
1913	18,626.91	28,725.83	47,352.74
1914	19,210.89	27,641.42	46,852.31
1915	13,276.31	16,403.37	29,679.68
1916	11,985.35	17,995.33	29,980.68
Total..	$396,229.16	$712,055.05	$1,092,374.21

The records show that on the buildings affected the insurance carried last year was as follows: On buildings, $408,880; on contents, $265,725. Total insurance carried, $674,585. The loss by months during the past year was as follows:

	Buildings	Contents	Total
January	$ 681.75	$ 1,195.25	$ 1,877.00
February	308.00	67.50	375.50
March	162.50	24.50	187.00
April	246.00	265.50	511.50
May	2,644.35	6,330.83	10,025.18
June	2,065.98	1,215.00	4,280.98
July	715.30	223.00	938.98
August	156.00	60.00	216.00
September ..	2,772.15	6,000.00	8,772.15
October	94.82	10.00	104.82
November ...	65.50	55.00	120.50
December ...	73.00	2,458.75	2,571.75
Total.....	$11,985.35	$17,995.33	$29,980.68

Causes of Fire

The department responded to 237 alarms during the year, the fires being attributed to the following causes:

Back fire from motor, 2; boiler explosion, 1; boys and matches, 7; children and matches, 5; chimney on fire, 17; cigarette stubs, 4; cigar stubs, 2; coal oil stove exploding, 2; coals falling out of stove, 1; defective chimney 1; defective fireplace, 5; electric wires, 3; electric iron, 1; ends of wooden joists in smoke flue, 1; false alarms rung in by unknown persons, 10; false alarm over May-Oatway system, 1; gasoline torch, 1; gasoline on fire, 1; grass fires, 64; hot ashes, 3; incendiary (supposed), 4; oil stove upsetting, 1; overheated stove, 2; overheated furnace pipe, 2; overheated fireplace, 2; overheated stovepipe, 5; overheated journal in shafting, 1; over-boiling of varnish pot, 1; over-boiling of sulphuric acid, 1; oily waste 1; outside city limits, 20; phosphorus, 1; reflection, 1; rags burning in garbage can, 1; rubbish burning, 3; spark from chimney, 28; spark from grate fire, 2; spark from burner, 1; spark from locomotive, 2; spark from smouldering fire, 1; spark from stove, 1; spontaneous combustion, 4; smoke scare, 6; smoking, 2; stovepipes on fire, 1; thawing out frozen water pipes, 3; unknown cause, 1.

Of the 237 alarms 67 were from street boxes; 164 by telephone and six by messenger. In dealing with the fires the department traveled 1,152 miles, laid 64,150 feet of hose, used 3,295 gallons of chemicals, raised 2,302 feet of ladders and worked 371 hours. Complete enforcement of various by-laws based upon the necessity for proper fire protection was carried out by the department, which inspected 220 buildings, served 57 fire prevention notices, issued 2,246 permits to burn rubbish, and secured nine police court convictions for infractions of regulations.

The chief's report is replete with information concerning the department's activities, the material now in service, etc. He comments upon the improved alarm system since the new apparatus was installed on the top floor of police headquarters; the increase of sixteen street boxes by which improved facilities have been given, and to the fact that when fourteen more boxes now on hand are installed the alarm system will be ample for a city the size of Victoria.

The passing of the horse as an adjunct to a fire department is indicated by the fact that at present the department has but thirteen horses, six of which will be shortly disposed of when the plans to motorize the apparatus at No. 4 and 7 stations are completed. This will mean a decided increase in efficiency and at the same time a decrease in outlay.

Among the recommendations which the fire chief makes in his report to the incoming council are included a proper drill tower to take the place of the present inadequate hose tower in the market yard on which the men are drilled; a by-law making it compulsory to have gas shut-offs installed on all buildings wherein gas mains are installed, so that the supply of gas can be readily cut off in case of fire. A number of other steps are suggested to increase efficiency. The chief pays high tribute to the discipline and loyal support of his officers and men.

OBITUARY NOTICES

Kathleen Hopkins, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hopkins, of 1618 Bank Street, died yesterday morning. The funeral is being arranged by the Thomson Undertaking Company to take place this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. W. Baugh-Allen officiating.

The funeral of Mr. Richard Drake, who died last Friday, took place yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the late residence, 847 Broughton Street, fifteen minutes later services being held at the Christ Church Cathedral. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. Duck, J. Meston, W. W. Laing, W. Chambers, C. Duvallie and C. S. F. Deacon. Interment was made in Ross Bay Cemetery.

Herbert Barrington Elworthy, five-days-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Elworthy, of 2930 Prior Street, died yesterday morning. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Sands Funeral chapel, where Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick will officiate.

Mrs. Severine Fisher, wife of Mr. J. A. Fisher, died on December 26 at Fort Lawton, Wash. She is survived by one son, Fred Therriault, of Victoria. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Sidney Thomas, rector of All Saints' (Episcopal) Church, at the parlors of the crematory, Mount Pleasant, Wash., on December 29. Miss H. P. Libby sang two solos during the service. The deceased lady had many friends in Victoria, who will be sorry to hear of her sudden death.

CAMPAIGN OPENS TONIGHT

The municipal campaign will open tonight with a public meeting in the Victoria West School at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be addressed by Aldermen Porter and Todd, candidates for the mayoralty, and by as many candidates for the City Council and School Board as care to speak.

The latest likely candidate for the Council is Mr. Watson Clark, of Hillside Avenue. He has been an active political worker for several years.

Mr. J. B. Warnicker is considering announcing himself for School Trustee on a platform of decent and liberal treatment to the pupils as well as the teachers. Mr. Warnicker thinks that the members of the Civic Retrenchment Association are attempting to carry their expense-cutting to such an extent that there is a great danger of impairing the efficiency of the public schools.

WILL REORGANIZE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Council Takes Action Following Inquiry—Dr. Hall Complains About Treatment Given Him by Committee.

The Health Department is to be reorganized. Just when, in what respect, or how, the Council as a body, or as individual members, was not able to decide.

The demand for reorganization was brought up by Alderman Bell, who was chairman of the special committee which during the last two weeks has been investigating the irregularities in the department.

"After hearing all the evidence adduced and the argument of counsel on behalf of the Sanitary Inspector, and by the Medical Health Officer, it was resolved by this committee that the material or serious complaints made against the conduct of the Sanitary Inspector have not been substantiated." This was the report of the special committee.

The demand for reorganization was made by Alderman Bell independently of the report of the committee. "For a year, if not longer, there has been a little friction in this department between the Medical Health Officer and the Sanitary Inspector," said Alderman Bell. "And we can't forget that during the investigation it was brought out that some things have developed that we would like to see changed a little."

Alderman Bell pointed out that the friction was partly caused by the fact that Medical Health Officer Dr. G. A. B. Hall has been working under the city's bylaw which gives him complete control of his department, while Sanitary Inspector Lancaster has been working under the Provincial statute, which makes him independent of the Medical Health Officer in many ways.

"It is not a question of the capability of the two men," said Alderman Peden. "The trouble is we can't get harmony in the department between them."

An effort was made to have the matter shifted on to the new Council, but Alderman Todd protested, declaring that the present Council should take up the unpleasant task. The situation was then handed over to the Health Committee, consisting of Aldermen Peden and Johns, to be advised by Alderman Bell, for report.

Protests Against Inquiry

Dr. Hall, Medical Health Officer, formally protested to the Council against the conduct and the result of the investigation.

"I feel that I have been placed in a very false light before the public," stated Dr. Hall. "It will be remembered that my contention was that certain articles or goods had been requisitioned, purchased and paid for by the city, and it appeared to me some articles were purchased in excess of what they should have been, while for others purchased I could see no use to which they could be put in the branch of the department for which they were ordered. These articles were all requisitioned for by Mr. Lancaster, chief sanitary inspector, and I naturally looked to him to give some reasonable explanation as to where these goods had gone.

"The resolution of the Council was to the effect that the enquiry was to be general, enquiring into the whole workings of the health department. In place of this at the last moment certain specific charges were preferred in a letter from the city solicitor, which was not at my request, and not in accordance with the spirit of the resolution of the Council. This changed the whole complexion of the enquiry from that of a general one to one against one officer of the department, and so limited the enquiry that a proper appreciation of the conditions as they existed could not be ascertained.

"The committee will remember that I produced the attached lists, and said that I was prepared to produce requisitions and vouchers for the articles therein mentioned, also to produce the books which have been audited and found correct, to prove the figures of the latter statement, which gives the incidental expenses for two branches of the department for 1914, 1915 and 1916. Only a few articles on these lists were considered, the totals were not, and it enabled Mr. Lancaster's solicitor to draw a red herring across the track in the shape of a piece of cheesecloth, in order to make the thing look trivial and ridiculous. The result has been that a great deal of time was taken up in the consideration of certain details, and there was no substantial investigation into the department as a whole. It was this that I desired, not as a means of attacking any individual, but for the purpose of securing an efficient and economical system.

"On the notice board is posted a notice of motion by Alderman Bell, recommending a reorganization of the department, and I understand that a medical health officer is to be asked to devote his whole time to city duties. I wish to point out that this is very unfair to me. I am serving the colors, and therefore under military regulations and discipline, which would prevent my putting in an application for the position, no matter how much I might desire to do so. The Council are on record as holding positions open for civil servants who are serving their country. I respectfully request that this matter be taken into consideration."

This communication will also be considered by the health committee.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Smith and family, of Winnipeg, are on their way to Victoria, where they will spend a short time en route to California to spend the Winter months.

DEALS WITH GOODS OF ENEMY ORIGIN

Stringent Order-in-Council Is Passed at Ottawa Respecting Importations—Commodities to Be Seized.

An order-in-council passed at Ottawa on December 22, respecting the importation of goods of enemy origin, reads as follows:

"Where the Minister of Customs has reason to suspect that the country of origin of any goods imported into Canada is an enemy country within the meaning of the various proclamations relating to trading with the enemy, the goods may be seized, and, unless the contrary be proved, the country of origin of such goods shall be deemed to be such an enemy country.

"And any goods so seized, whose origin is not proven, to the satisfaction of the Minister of Customs, to be other than that of an enemy country, shall become forfeited to the Crown, and shall be destroyed or otherwise dealt with as the Minister of Customs directs.

"The power under this Order to seize imported goods suspected to be of enemy origin shall extend so as to apply to any goods which the Minister of Customs has reason to suspect are being imported in contravention of the law relating to trading with the enemy.

"This order shall apply to all goods which are at present under detention as being of suspected enemy origin, notwithstanding that they were originally detained or imported into Canada prior to the date of the order.

Another order-in-council deals with the exportation of goods prohibited for export from Canada, and reads as follows:

"If any goods, the exportation of which to any country or place is prohibited by Orders in Council sanctioned under authority of the War Measures Act now in force or which may hereafter be enacted, are exported or are brought to any quay, wharf or other place, or are delivered to any person or carrier, or are carried coastwise or by inland navigation, or waterborne, or are laden in any railway carriage or other vehicle for the purpose of being exported or shipped for exportation contrary to the provisions of any such Orders in Council or any Regulations made thereunder, the exporter or his agent or the shipper of any such goods shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or to imprisonment with or without hard labor, for a term not exceeding two years or to both fine and imprisonment."

CITY COUNCIL KILLS PUBLICITY GRANT

Withdraws Referendum and Removes From Estimates Appropriation for Island Development Association.

The voters of Victoria will not decide at the coming municipal elections as to continuing the $7,000 annual grant to the Victoria and Island Development Association. The aldermen themselves decided the question at last night's meeting of the City Council by reconsidering and throwing out the motion passed a week ago ordering the referendum. They then passed a motion having the $7,000 grant stricken from the estimates for next year. Aldermen Fullerton and Dilworth were the only two members of the Council to vote in favor of the referendum in its original form.

Nearly all the aldermen were sure that if the question went to the people the grant would be defeated. By withdrawing the referendum and the appropriation the question of the continued support of the Victoria and Island Development Association, or any other publicity work, has been left to the new Council without recommendation.

It was pointed out that it would be dangerous to put the referendum at this time, because if it were defeated it might prejudice the support of the Provincial Government to the Pacific Coast publicity organization, which is being formed, to embrace British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. Aldermen Johns and Bell proposed a referendum on a grant of $5,000, but the Council turned this down.

Mayor Stewart, who fathered the motion for reconsideration of last week's decision for a referendum, in deference to the wishes of the Civic Retrenchment Association, declared that he brought it up again only on the request of directors of the Victoria and Island Development Association, as the directors wanted to see whether the Council could not withhold the referendum just now because of the formation at present of the Pacific Coast Association. The Mayor denied that he was trying to block the publicity vote.

Would Be Blow to Victoria

Alderman Porter pointed out that the Council had agreed on submitting a referendum on the grant. Some of the members of the association fear that if the referendum is put before the electors it would be voted down. This would be disastrous, he said, at a time when the Pacific Northwest Publicity Organization is under formation.

Alderman Todd explained that Washington and Oregon would each contribute $50,000 and British Columbia $25,000 to the funds of the organization. Although British Columbia puts up only one-half the money of each of the states, it will have eight directors. The secretary is to be a Victorian, Commissioner Cuthbert, of the V.I.D.A.

"If an adverse vote were cast against our publicity organization it would be a serious blow to Victoria's prestige," continued Alderman Todd. "I believe the people can be persuaded to sustain the vote, but think this council could surely be entrusted with the expenditure of $7,000."

"This association has done a lot of good but not $7,000 worth," said Alderman Bell. "I favor a grant of $5,000. By asking people for $7,000 we are inviting defeat, which would incline next year's committee to make no grant at all. I am not in favor of submitting this matter under these conditions to a vote of the people. If this council drops the thing from the estimates it would suit everybody and save the $400 for the referendum. Then next year's council can make whatever grant it likes."

People Should Decide

"There's been a great difference of opinion as to what should be granted to this association," said Alderman Fullerton. "All the advertising appropriations for the new Pacific Coast organization should be made by the Provincial Government as other districts as well as Victoria will benefit. I am strongly in favor of a referendum on every occasion. We're the servants of the people and what they want should go."

"If the people of Victoria want to vote on this matter, I think they should be allowed to," said Alderman Dilworth. "I believe the people of Victoria do want to vote on this. We have spent $16,000 or $17,000 on this publicity work in the last two years and I defy any man to show where we have received $100 worth of benefit?"

Alderman Peden declared that if Victoria defeated its own publicity grant it might affect the attitude of the Provincial Government towards the support of the international organization as it would appear to them that the people as a whole were not in favor of the grant. He thought the people would regret it if no support was given the publicity organization.

Alderman Cameron said he was in favor of a referendum on general principles, but the present publicity vote is too small to warrant the expense of taking a referendum.

"We should drop this matter and pass it over to the new Council," he said. "Let the citizens, through their votes, indicate their attitude."

"If this goes before the people in the shape it is in now, it will be turned down," said Alderman Johns. "It would be a bad thing if the principle were defeated. We should leave it to the new Council to see how much or whether any expenditure is necessary. I would support a referendum on a smaller amount."

Alderman Walker favored sending the question to the new Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Navy League Chapter, I. O. D. E.—The regular monthly meeting of the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., will be held on Friday afternoon, January 5, at 2:45 o'clock, in the United Service Rooms, 733 Fort Street.

I.O.D.E. Meeting Today—A meeting of the representatives of the various chapters of the I.O.D.E. assisting with the Patriotic Fund Campaign will be held this morning at the headquarters, 733 Fort Street, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Forman will address the meeting, which will be open to all I.O.D.E. members in the city. The business meeting of the Municipal Chapter, planned for tomorrow morning, has been postponed for one week. The secretary requests that the key of the room, which has been missing for two weeks, will be returned to the Sandringham store, next the headquarters, as soon as possible.



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DEATHS

HALL—On the 1st January, 1917, at the residence of Mr. F. W. Davey, 126 South Turner Street, Catherine Jane, relict of Wm. Wesley Hall, aged 62 years, born in Ontario.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Wednesday, January 3, 1917, at 2 p. m., where service will be held by the Rev. S. Cook. Interment in Ross Bay Cemetery. No flowers, by request.

MUNICIPAL CONTESTS ON THE MAINLAND

At Vancouver no announcement has been made of any candidate to oppose Mayor McBeath, who is standing for re-election, but a spirited contest is promised for the aldermanic board.

In Ward II., Alderman W. R. Hamilton will contest his seat with Mr. A. H. Wallbridge, who has announced his candidature. In Ward III., Alderman W. C. Marshall has two opponents, they being Mr. H. E. Almond and Mr. P. C. Gibbon. In Ward IV., where Alderman J. W. McIntosh is retiring, there are no less than four aspirants in the field for this vacancy, they being Mr. J. J. Miller, Mr. Joseph Hoskin, Mr. George King and Mr. A. Brown. In Ward V., where Alderman C. E. Mahon is retiring, Mr. W. R. Owen is the only candidate in the field so far, although one or two other names have been mentioned. In Ward VI., Alderman R. H. Gale and Mr. J. J. Honed up to the present. In Ward VII., Alderman F. E. Woodside is opposed by while in Ward VII., Alderman F. P. Rogers has as opponents Capt. J. Stewart and Mr. D. W. F. McDonald.

Five candidates are in the field for three vacancies on the school board, two of which, Mrs. Irene Moody and Mr. A. C. Stewart, have been occupants of office during last year. The three other aspirants are Mr. G. Roy Long, Mr. R. P. S. Twizell and Mr. T. Matthews. So far no name has been mentioned as a probable aspirant for office on the board of licence commissioners, and there has been some talk of allowing the present members to be returned unopposed.

There are three candidates for the mayoralty in New Westminster. Mayor Gray, for four years in that office, and for many years previously a member of the council, is offering himself for re-election. His opponents are Alderman Bryson, chairman of the finance committee, and Alderman Eastman, chairman of the light committee. So far there are few aldermanic candidates. Aldermen Dodd, McAdam, Jardine, Johnston and Goulet will run again, and there are also in the field Mr. F. J. Lynch, Mr. S. F. Mark and Mr. C. H. Stuart.

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PREPARE FOR FREIGHT AND PASSENGER SERVICE

Arranging to Put Patricia Bay Line of C.N.P.R. Into Operation at Early Date

At a comparatively early date a passenger and freight service will be inaugurated on the Island branch of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway, on the section from Patricia Bay to Victoria. The date hinges upon the completion of the ferry slip at Patricia Bay, and despite adverse weather conditions good progress is being made with this work. The slip should be completed some time in February.

Preparatory to the inauguration of the freight and passenger service the company has assembled at Port Mann the equipment to take care of the traffic. There is a large gas-electric car for passenger accommodation and this will be brought over just as soon as the ferry slip is completed. Barges which will be used in the transport of freight cars from the Mainland to the Island have been constructed and are ready to be placed in commission.

Contingent also upon the completion of the ferry slip is the work of commencing tracklaying on a section of the Port Alberni branch. Ten miles of track are at Port Mann ready to be transported to Victoria as soon as facilities for their unloading are available, and the work of putting the rails in position will no doubt be well under way by the early Spring.

Until the completion of the bridge work at Burnside Road, it will be necessary to arrange a temporary depot for the freight and passenger service at Alpha Street.

SPEAKS AT Y.M.C.A. ON THEME OF GOVERNMENT

The third of a series of lectures, arranged for the Winter season by the educational committee of the Y.W.C.A., was delivered last evening in the lecture hall of the institution, with Mr. C. H. Lugrin, the speaker of the evening. Mrs. F. Adams, president of the board of directors of the Y.W.C.A., presided.

Preceding his address on "Constitutional Government," Mr. Lugrin, in a brief review of "Current Events," referred to the principal event of the past two weeks, viz., the declaration of Germany, of its willingness to make peace. "According to the German press," said the speaker, "they really did not expect the Allied nations to accept their proposals for peace. They knew only too well the determination of continuing the war until reparation was secured for all wrongs, and immoral acts, inflicted in Serbia and Belgium."

Speaking of the feeling of the British towards the enemy, the speaker said that "there is no antagonism on the part of the Englishman, nor even has he a desire to crush the non-militant population of Germany, but a strong determination to avenge the wrongs of Serbia and Belgium done by the cruel hands of the military element of the Germans."

Turning to the topic of his address for the evening, on "Constitutional Government," Mr. Lugrin said that it was "a matter of importance that women should commence at least a preliminary study of the government of their country; and more especially now that they had been granted the vote. This topic forms no part in the school curriculum, or at least a very slight part; and all children should have a clear idea of the laws governing the country or Province in which they live."

Referring to the approaching session of the new Legislature, when one of the first acts performed would be the election of a Speaker, he explained the meaning and connection of this officer. "The Speaker of the House," said Mr. Lugrin, "is the spokesman of the Legislature. He speaks for the representatives of the people. He asks for the privilege of approaching the Lieutenant-Governor, when in any of the Provinces; in the Dominion Assembly to the Governor-General, and in the British Parliament to the Sovereign."

Going back to the beginnings of Constitutional Government the speaker traced the origin and history of its institution and the various rulers who were obliged to observe its powers.

In reference to the rule of the sovereign and his representatives, the speaker expressed his position by the statement, "The King is the first among equals. Englishmen and all Britishers should keep this in mind and honor him, for the simple fact that he is the premier representative of the people in all the countries and Provinces under his jurisdiction."

The saying that "The King can do no wrong," was explained to convey the meaning that if any wrongs are committed the blame is attached to his ministers, who are responsible for all acts, whether good or bad. Canada has followed the lead of the British Parliament, a Government which is practically constitutional. The tenure of office by government depends upon its possession of the confidence of the members of the Legislature.

In concluding his address Mr. Lugrin said that although the subject was very comprehensive, he hoped that he had given a general idea of the laws and principles of Constitutional Government. Those present were reminded that the will of the people prevails, and that will must be expressed through their representatives in the Legislature.

At the conclusion of the address a vote of thanks was moved by Dr. Donovan and seconded and extended by Mrs. Adams, to Mr. Lugrin for his lecture.

Police Record—The record of police court cases during December is as follows: Assault, 3; drunks, 36; drunk in charge of auto, 1; Health Act (breach of), 1; Half-Holiday Act (breach of), 31; indecent assault, 1; Inspection Act (breach of), 2; Lord's Day Act (breach of), 9; Liquor Act (breach of), 1; Militia Act (breach of), 1; malicious damage to property, 1; Opium Act (breach of), 4; possession of intoxicants, 2; stealing, 6; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 1; safe keeping, 196; unlawful assembly, 14; unsound mind, 3; vagrancy, 4.

PLAN OF TAXATION RELIEF IS OUTLINED

Scheme Proposed by Which City Would Escape From Dilemma Now Causing Ratepayers Much Concern.

A well known citizen, who prefers, for private reasons, that his identity should remain undisclosed, has outlined a plan of taxation relief which is well worth the study of all ratepayers, and which is especially opportune now that civic issues are before the electorate in connection with the municipal elections. A summary of the proposal is as follows:

1. Three million five hundred thousand dollars to be borrowed at 5 per cent for 70 years' period on the credit of the city as a whole.

2. Five hundred thousand dollars of this sum to be deposited in the bank and remain there on deposit for 50 years, bearing interest compounded annually at 4 per cent. The remaining $3,000,000 to be applied as follows:

3. Cancellation of overdraft—$1,000,000 or a less sum, as may be required, in the cancellation of the overdraft at the bank for one year, thereby allowing the taxes collected at the end of, or during the year, to form the revenue available for meeting the expenditure for the ensuing year.

4. Payment of interest on local improvement bonds—$1,000,000 or a less sum, as may be required, to be funded for five years for the payment during that period of the interest on local improvement bonds.

5. Expropriation bonds—$1,000,000 or a less sum, as may be required, in the payment of the interest and sinking funds of the bonds issued in respect of the expropriation of property on the trunk roads and possibly others on which expropriation has been made. This payment to extend over a period of ten years.

6. General taxes—Balance, if any, to be devoted to the relief of the general taxpayer who may be unable on account of the financial stringency of the times to pay present current taxes by such plan, or method, as may be devised and considered expedient and equitable, in addition to other forms of relief herein contemplated.

In support of the proposal it is urged that the cancellation of the overdraft would save the city approximately $75,000 in interest in one year, or in fifty years $3,750,000. This calculation serves to show what the city has lost in the same time. The further interest charges would also disappear, namely:

Interest on expropriation bonds and sinking fund charges for a period of ten years	$1,200,000
Interest on local improvement bonds for a period of five years	$1,000,000
Total	$2,000,000

The elimination of the charges on account of expropriation and local improvement bonds, together with the saving which would be effected in the matter of the overdraft, would, it is held, produce a corresponding decrease in the millage of general taxation, even if the present assessment were maintained, while the relief afforded in the matter of local improvement taxes and expropriation payments would be instant and effective.

The city's credit would not be impaired, but rather strengthened and consolidated. No deficiency in the sinking funds of local improvement or, rather, bonds, would then have to be faced.

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The inevitable result of the relief afforded in the matter of local improvement and appropriation assessments, coupled with the existing rebate of one-sixth in respect of general taxes, would be, to produce a marked increase in the payments of general taxes and prepare the way for taking up the increased charges on account of interest on the loan contemplated at the expiry of the five and ten-year periods, and this, without reducing to any appreciable extent the present general assessment. A big cut in assessment values is held to be tantamount to advertising to the world that city property has undergone a very serious depreciation and has a decided tendency to impair the credit of the city.

It is argued, finally, that the proposal, if adopted, would enable the council to avoid the necessity for holding tax sales for a number of years.

WOMEN TO ASSIST MILITARY HOSPITALS

Auxiliary Is Formed to Give Aid in Furnishing and Equipment—Linen Shower Is Arranged For.

It having been ascertained that yet another avenue for woman's practical assistance and sympathy had been opened with the establishment of the Military Convalescent Hospitals for our returned wounded soldiers, and with the news that the severer cases are now to be returned to their own colonies and Provinces, making a much more urgent call for local assistance, and following the example set by the women of other Provinces, a meeting was recently called by Mrs. Barnard at Government House, consisting of the presidents of the various women's organizations in Victoria, to confer upon the best methods to adopt in this regard, and such as would be most expedient and useful. The gathering was very representative, and, after full discussion, it was resolved to form a Women's Auxiliary Society, upon the committee of which would be a representative from every society, feeling able and willing to give the movement its support. The following ladies were named on this committee, which would meet at as early a date as possible, elect officers and formulate a plan of service:

Mrs. Henry Croft, Provincial president, I.O.D.E.; Mrs. Schofield and Mrs. A. E. McPhillips, Local Council of Women; Mrs. A. C. Burdick, Women's Canadian Club; Mrs. Curtis Sampson, Voluntary Aid; Mrs. A. F. Griffiths, I.O.D.E. in Victoria; Mrs. Andrew Wright, Women's Auxiliary, Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital; Mrs. Love, Anti-Tuberculosis Society; Mrs. Hasell, Red Cross; Miss Eleanor Taylor, Daughters of Pity, Provincial Royal Jubilee Hospital; Mrs. C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Bowser and Mrs. Nation.

Consent having been first obtained, the following names were subsequently added: Lady Lougheed, Mrs. G. H. Barnard, Mrs. J. H. S. Matson, Mrs. Dunsmuir, Mrs. Butchart, Mrs. H. J. S. Helsterman, Mrs. James Raymur, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Hugo Beaven, Mrs. Harold Fleming, Miss Mara, Miss Armine Pemberton, Miss Marlatt.

At a later meeting this committee elected its officers as follows: Hon. chairman, Mrs. F. S. Barnard; chairman, Mrs. Henry Croft; first vice-president, Mrs. A. C. Burdick; second vice-president, Mrs. Curtis Sampson; third vice-president, Mrs. A. E. McPhillips; secretary, Mrs. Hasell; treasurer, Mrs. Bowser; librarian, Mrs. Nation; assistant librarian, Miss A. Pemberton.

Mrs. Nation reported that she had already collected over 200 volumes to form the nucleus of a library for both hospitals, and that she would continue to collect for and to take charge of this department and of its proper equipment.

It was resolved that Sir James Lougheed be invited to address a public meeting when next in Victoria, but, owing to Sir James' visit having occurred in the holidays, it has been found impossible to secure a convenient date for this event, which must now, with many regrets, be postponed.

Also that a visit to Resthaven, the first of the military convalescent hospitals in the nearer vicinity claiming immediate attention, be paid by the committee, when the premises could be inspected and the initial needs noted, and that the Red Cross Society be approached and asked that this work be undertaken under its auspices and with its co-operation and assistance; the committee pledging itself to collect a sum of money for immediate needs so that the building might be brought into some degree of comfort by its opening at the New Year.

A very satisfactory interview was held with the officers of the Red Cross Society, who accepted the proposition made, and promised every support and assistance to supplement the efforts of the ladies — while not interfering with the detail of their work and conserving the credit of monies collected by their committee—hereafter to be known as "The Women's Auxiliary Society to the Military Convalescent Hospitals, associated as a Committee of the Red Cross."

The sum of $500 having been collected, the following buying committee was appointed, and such purchases were made as were immediately necessary, with very satisfactory results, Mesdames Croft, Sampson, Butchart, Charles Williams and Miss Mara.

By the kindness of Mrs. Barnard it has been arranged to hold a linen shower at Government House on Saturday afternoon next, the 6th instant, from 3 to 6 p.m., when the following articles will be most gratefully received: Sheets, length, two and a half yards; pillow cases, bed spreads, dish and roller towelling, by the piece; bath towels, tray cloths, handkerchiefs, for the men.

This kind offer is most opportune, as the January sales will afford an opportunity for friends contributing to purchase to the best advantage; and it has also been suggested that gifts of jams, pickles and preserved fruits would be acceptable at the shower, as these articles are reckoned as luxuries, and are not included in the regular allowances.

It may be of interest to note that in Manitoba one military convalescent hospital has been entirely provided, and another furnished, by the women. In Toronto the various wings of one large building set aside for this purpose have been entirely furnished by the several women's societies, and in Vancouver steps have been already taken by a large and representative women's committee to meet the request, both in their own city and at Kamloops, where many of the men go for special treatment.

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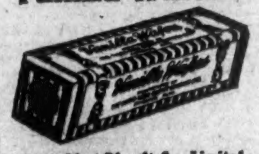
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Lieutenant-Governor Barnard has received the following letter from the chairman of the finance committee of the British Red Cross Society acknowledging the receipt of British Columbia's contribution to the fund and asking that the thanks of the society be conveyed to the organizers and donors who helped to make the appeal such a success:

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"Sir,—I am directed by Lord Lansdowne to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November 16, informing us that we would receive in due course the sum of £7,571, being the contribution of the people of British Columbia to the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John, in response to Lord Lansdowne's appeal in connection with 'Our Day.'

"We have since received, through the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the sum named, and I herewith enclose our official receipt.

"It is most gratifying that the contribution of your Province this year is nearly three times what it was last year. This reflects immense credit upon British Columbia, and I am desired to convey our grateful and appreciative thanks to all who have been concerned, whether as organizers or as donors, in sending this fine help to the sick and wounded.

"I beg at the same time to express our indebtedness to you personally for the interest which you have shown in the matter.

"I am, sir, your obedient servant,
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CASUALTIES HIT CORINTHIANS HARD

Famous Old Country Soccer Club Has Had Eight Members Killed and Many Wounded.

No football organization, with the possible exception of the Hearts of Midlothian, has suffered more by war casualties than the famous Corinthians, the club which, it will be remembered, sent a team to Canada in 1911. The latest to fall in battle is Lieut. L. I. Moon, the famous goalkeeper. The Corinthians have now lost eight of their members killed, while many have been wounded.

Saddest of all the deaths, however, inasmuch as he did not die doing his duty, is that of L. V. Lodge. Mr. Lodge, who had a breakdown, was at a Buxton health resort and escaped from his nurse, and was found drowned. Lodge was given his international cap by the Football Association against Wales in 1894, but it was not until a year later that he received the most coveted official hall-mark of excellence, for in 1895 he appeared against Wales and Scotland, and in 1896 against Scotland and Ireland. Lodge was a very conspicuous figure in a sound defence in his first great match against the Scotsmen, when he materially assisted the Englishmen to gain a very remarkable success by 3 to 0.

In spite of everything football still easily takes the lead of all sports and amusements in the Old Country in contributing towards the war tax. From September 1 to the end of November the amount annexed by the British Exchequer from the patrons of the football games in the Midland and Lancashire sections of the English League alone totalled $22,000. To this has to be added the returns from the games in the London and Scottish districts, where the figures have not yet been announced. Besides all this, a percentage of the receipts is given to charity, and to the League for maintenance purposes; and in spite of all this the clubs are flourishing.

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FAMOUS OARSMAN DIES AT LADNER

W. J. J. Osborne Was Member of Winnipeg Crew Which Won Championship of America in 1896

The death occurred recently at Ladner of W. J. J. Osborne, who was well-known as a first class amateur oarsman, having won most of his rowing honors when a resident of Winnipeg, where he was formerly connected with a big commercial firm. He afterwards worked in Duluth, moving finally to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Osborne was at one time a member of the Winnipeg Rowing Club's famous four of 1896 and 1897. In the year 1896 the Winnipeg crew, made up of C. Marks, stroke, Charlie Johnstone, W. J. Osborne and J. C. G. Armytage, bow, won the championship of America. In the following year the Winnipeg crew went to Henley regatta, but Osborne had to give up his seat to N. E. Lloyd, through being unable to get away for the trip. The late Mr. Osborne was a strong member of this famous Canadian four.

BOWLING LEAGUES

In the senior league match at the Arcade bowling alley last evening the Outlaws won from the B. C. Electrics by 163 pins. The scores were:

Outlaws—				
Leach	119	113	103	335
Fuggle	163	161	116	440
A. Patterson	137	131	154	442
Virgluis	144	142	143	429
Frank King	145	109	153	407
Total				2033
B. C. Electric—				
McKenzie	134	171	133	438
Harrison	113	125	157	395
Lemmeaux	153	133	153	439
Antennacher	97	90	94	281
Romans	90	126	101	317
Total				1870

Garrison and the Cameron Lumber Co. roll tonight when Mr. W. Fairall will be the scorer.

In a Junior League game last night between the Navy and the Silver Springs, the scores were as follows:

Silver Springs—				
Humber	119	107	120	346
Smith	87	66	66	219
McHagh	123	98	100	321
Lawrey	100	84	71	255
Davison	94	82	134	311
Total				1452
Navy—				
Medina	93	118	100	411
Akers	129	106	74	309
Simons	98	76	145	319
Gold	95	111	85	291
Warner	112	75	89	276
Total				1606

The next match will be tomorrow night between the Cameron Lumber Co., No. 2, and the Garrison.

MANY BIRDS ENTERED IN POULTRY SHOW

The poultry show of the Southern District Poultry Association will be open to the public this morning at the Market Building at 8 o'clock, and judging will start with the heavy breeds at 10 o'clock. Last night there were between 750 and 800 birds in the pens, and a brief inspection showed that this exhibition will prove to the experts to be remarkable for the quality as well as quantity of the exhibits, the specimens of the heavy breeds shown being of unusually fine quality, Rhode Island Reds in particular being exceptionally strong, and the Buff Orpingtons also of remarkable excellence. An outstanding feature of this year's exhibition is the large entry of Buttercups, a breed which is commencing to rival the famous Leghorn for laying.

Vancouver Island and the adjacent islands are splendidly represented, and there is also a very large entry from the Mainland points as far east as Trail.

The show includes a very representative exhibition of pigeons, including the homers as well as all the fancy varieties. Prizes are being offered for dressed poultry and also for exhibits of eggs for market.

A special feature of this year's show is the exhibit of entries from the soldiers at the Esquimalt Convalescent Home, who are showing some fine birds bred on utility lines and also Belgian hares.

Mr. H. D. Reid will judge the poultry and he will be assisted in his labors by Messrs. J. P. Terry and H. Upton, of the Provincial Agricultural Department. Entry fees will go to the Red Cross Society's fund.

Are Junior Champions

BUFFALO, N.Y., Jan. 3.—The New York Athletic Club easily won the National indoor junior championship meet of the A. A. U. held here last night. No records were equalled, the sprints were slow and the field events were below standard.

TOLL CONTINUES OF LEADING SPORTSMEN

Latest Casualty Lists Issued in London Contain Names of Men Prominent in All Branches of Sport.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Casualties among the leading sportsmen of England continue to grow. Last week's lists contained the names of a number of stars in every branch of sport.

Col. M. F. McTaggart, D.S.O., wounded, played polo for the Lancers in the inter-regimental, and was in the team which ran up for the Subalterns' Cup at Ranelagh in 1904. He rode for many years at the regimental meets and owned some useful chasers. He was with Sir George White during the siege of Ladysmith and fought at Elandslaegte, Rietfontein and Lombard's Kop.

The famous steeplechase jockey, Percy Woodland, who won the Grand National in 1903 on Drumcree and in 1913 on Covertcoat, and who was previously reported "missing, believed killed," is now officially announced to be a prisoner of war in the hands of the Turks.

Captain C. H. Dwyer, killed by a sniper while on reconnaissance duty, was educated at Lees, Hoyland and Shrewsbury, where he was captain of the gymnasium for two years, represented the school at Aldershot, and also got his colors for fotball. He had been mentioned in despatches.

Capt. T. I. Wilson, killed in action, rowed in the Cambridge University trial eights in 1903.

Maj. A. A. Torens has also made the "big sacrifice." He played on the Harrow eleven against Eton at Lords in 1892 and was well known in cricketing circles, particularly in Kent. He toured New Zealand with the Marylebone cricket teams in 1906-7.

Golfers will regret to hear that Walter Mayo, younger brother of the famous C. H. Mayo, of the Burbill Club; A. E. Firstbrook, who was prominent in the west of England tournaments; Young Thorne, formerly assistant to "Tom" Williamson, and Arthur Gray, brother of Ernest Gray, who holds the record for the Prestwich course, have all been killed on the battlefield.

DARCY CRITICISES AMERICAN METHODS

After seeing his first boxing match in the United States, Les Darcy, the Australian boxer, who is visiting the States to get together enough money to support his family previous to enlisting, made two very sensible criticisms of the way boxing matches are run in the land of dollars. Darcy said: "The arrangements here are rather strange to me. Both smoking and coaching from the corners are absolutely prohibited in Australia, but both are allowed here. The men in the ring must be weakened by inhaling such a smoke-laden atmosphere."

FIGHTERS FOR SELF ARE HIGHLY PAID

Benny Leonard has torn a ligament in one of his hands, which is keeping him out of the ring for awhile. The said injury is estimated by the lightweight to be costing him $1,000 a week, as this is the sum he says that he earns regularly by using his fists when in good condition. Verily the times are out of joint when a prize-fighter can earn more than an admiral, and another, who skips out of his country to evade the military authorities, can command pay for showing his skill in the noble art of self-defence instead of the noble defence of his country, greater than the commander-in-chief of the army of which he should be a member.

LOCAL SOCCER MEN BEATEN AT SEATTLE

Match Between Victoria Players and Woodland Park Team at Seattle Won by Latter, 7 to 6

The only soccer indulged in on New Year's Day by local players was the game played at Seattle between a Victoria team and the Woodland Park team. The visiting team was in no wise a representative Victoria team, the match being arranged by the players themselves with the sanction of the Victoria and District Football Association. The Victoria boys were forced to acknowledge defeat, though they made a great effort in the last period of the match to retrieve what looked like a hopeless reverse with the score standing 6 to 1 against them at half time.

They put in some good hard football and showed better combination, with the result that in the latter half they scored 6 goals, while the Seattle team was only able to add one more to its score, the match thus ending in favor of the home team by 7 goals to 6. The teams were as follows:

Woodland Park—Millican; R Robertson and Colgan; Curle, Simpson and Fitzpatrick; Hunter, Gibson, Murdock, Long and McGuire.

Victoria—McFadyen; McKinnon and Copas; Chester, Ledingham and Ackerman; Moffatt, Stanley, Lipsky, Moffatt and Shandley.

PORTLAND'S TEAM WINS AT SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—"Moose" Johnson, the able assistant of Tommy Murray and five other members of the Portland hockey team, took a fast 7 to 4 game from the Seattle Mets, in the arena here tonight. Although the victory had no effect upon the relative standing of the teams in the league, it pulled Seattle back nearer the pack, and made the Mets easier to catch by any of the rival squads.

As indicated in the opening paragraph, it was "Moose" Johnson who beat Seattle. The big Scandinavian whirlwind spoiled everything Seattle tried, and it was his smashing work at smearing the Mets' best plays that took the heart out of Muldoon's men and finally put them on the short end of the score.

Summary: First period—1, Loughlin, 10:30; 2, Irvin, from Johnson, 2::18; 3, Harris, from Irvin, 5:16.

Second period—4, Rowe, 3:35; 5, Foyston, 1:00; 6, Johnson, 2:28; 7, Irvin, from Harris, 6:37; 8, Morris, from Foyston, 14 secs.; Foyston, from Walker, :57.

Third period—10, Tobin, 10:05; 11, Irvin, 7:05.

Penalties—Irvin, Dunderdale, Johnson, Foyston, Loughlin.

Substitutions—Rowe for Riley; Dunderdale for Marples.

FAVORS COMMISSION ON HIGH ASSESSMENTS

Alderman Porter Issues Platform in Mayoralty Campaign —Stands for Clean City, Morally and Physically.

The health of the people, the conditions under which they live and the education of the children of Victoria are the considerations which the Mayor of Victoria should place first. That stand is taken by Alderman Porter in his platform issued last night for his campaign for election to the office of mayor of Victoria in 1917. He proposes a Government commission to solve the assessment difficulties.

"Without health, proper living conditions and the thorough education of our children, which are our greatest assets, our material resources would be of very little value," states Alderman Porter. "Hence I do not hesitate to place the protection and development of our best asset first.

"We must have a clean city. With that end in view I favor the extension of the sewer system wherever necessary, the maintenance of our bathing beaches, and the strict surveillance over streets and sections of the city that are liable to become a menace to the health of our citizens.

"I favor the appointment of a health officer on full time so that not only the high standard of efficiency in this department may be maintained, but that officers and institutions for the care of the sick and needy may be carefully and fully supervised.

"I am heartily in accord with the strong sentiment favoring a clean moral city. The proper development of our children and the conservation of the best interests of our people demand the strict enforcement of law without discrimination. I shall, if elected, fearlessly and honestly observe my oath of office, enforce the laws enacted for the government of the city, and hold the officers of the law to a strict account for the full performance of their duty. With a view to giving the people more control over the police commissioners who are entrusted with law enforcement, I shall do my best to secure the power to elect them to their positions.

Stands for Public Audit

"The education of our children shall have my hearty support. To maintain our schools to the proper standard of efficiency we must provide the needed equipment and the best possible teachers. The orphan and homeless children must have the same care and training as those in more favored circumstances.

"The administration of the civic finances will have my most careful consideration and attention. To maintain public confidence I shall make searching inquiry into every department of finance. If elected I shall immediately request the Council to give facilities for an independent audit of our affairs by a Government auditor, but in the meantime I shall give the fullest publicity to our affairs.

"The large undertakings and abnormal expenditures of the past few years have increased the charges against our income to an alarming extent. Some of the ratepayers find it impossible to meet the taxes, particularly the frontage tax against their property. I assure the electorate that I shall with the assistance of the other members of the Council and citizens, endeavor to find some scheme that shall equitably meet the difficulty.

"I shall favor requesting the Provincial Government to appoint a commission of experts that shall make recommendations to our city and to other municipalities similarly affected. The assessments in some parts of the city are today too high and inequitable. I favor a change in the system of arriving at comparative values of properties."

Alderman Porter also declares himself in favor of the early completion of the Johnson Street bridge on terms acceptable to the people of Victoria, the "aggressive development" of Vancouver Island, all-rail connection by way of Seymour Narrows, obtaining lower fire insurance rates, lower water rates to assist residents to beautify their grounds, day labor on all public works, the reorganization of the civic service, and good wages and salaries on the grounds that "efficiency should always be properly rewarded."

CITY GAINS $28,000 IN BOND INVESTMENT

City Comptroller Raymur last night reported to the City Council on what has been done with the $250,000 appropriated on September 18 last for the purchase of such bonds of the city as might be offered for sale from time to time.

Up until December 31, 1916, stock and debentures of the face value of $133,691.89 have been purchased, the net cost to the city being $105,443.27. The purchases were distributed as follows: Sooke Lake 4 per cents, $55,-105.25; Sooke Lake, 4½ per cents, $17,-519.98; general purpose, 4 per cents, $29,616.66; general purpose 4½ per cents, $5,000; local improvement, 4 per cents, $26,380. As the city cannot invest its sinking funds in its own securities these stock and debentures have been cancelled.

"There is no doubt that this has been a very good investment," said Alderman Porter. "It nets the city $28,000 on an investment of $133,000. I don't think we could have invested our sinking fund to a better advantage."

Bonds to the value of $25,000, the balance under the Underground Telephone Bylaw of 1910, are to be delivered by the city today to the B.C. Telephone Co., which has sent the city a final certificate of the completion of the work.

With His Boots Off

The young private had been posted on sentry on "C" squadron stables. But, lo! when the sergeant of the guard came round on his visits he was nowhere to be seen. The sergeant was about to depart to make inquiries when there came a rustling noise from a heap of straw, and the sentry stood before him minus his boots and looking very sleepy.

"Hullo!" cried the sergeant. 'Here you are, eh? Where were you when I came round, just now?"

"Marchin' round," was the sentry's reply, given in tones of conscious virtue.

"Marchin' round, were you? Why, you've got your boots off!"

"Yes, sergeant, I took 'em off so's I shouldn't wake the 'ones!"

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Our January Sale News for Today

Unusual Reductions on Women's Winter Coats

Our entire stock of Coats, comprising several hundred of the smartest models, is being offered at prices that make each one a real big bargain, and just at the time of the year when most needed. They are made from chinchilla, velour cloth and plain and fancy tweeds. The variety in both style and colors is so extensive it would be a waste of space to go into details. It is only fair to see these Coats to appreciate the wonderful values we are offering.

Lot 1—Values to $18.75. January Sale $9.50
Lot 2—Values to $28.50. January Sale $17.50
Lot 3—Values to $37.50. January Sale $21.50

Women's Novelty Coats

Regular Values to $45.00. January Sale $13.50

This is the greatest bargain we have offered on Novelty Coats. They come in long and three-quarter lengths. Made in the more extreme styles from velvet cord, leopard cloth and fancy all-wool tweeds. All are lined with the best quality satin.

Bargains in High-Grade Corsets

Corsets, 16 pairs only. Sizes 26, 27 and 28. Regular value $1.00. January Sale 50c

Corsets, made of heavy white coutil, with long hips, medium bust, four hose supporters, with three hooks below clasp; prettily trimmed with silk embroidery. Sizes to 28. Regular value $1.50. January Sale $1.00

Corsets, in odd lines and sizes, made of coutil, batiste and fancy weaves. Your choice of low, medium or high bust. Regular values to $4.50. To be cleared out at $1.25

"Modart" Front-Laced Corsets, in sizes 19 to 32. Regular values $5.00 to $12.00. To be cleared at ..... HALF-PRICE

Brassieres, in batiste, trimmed with embroidery. All sizes. Values $1.35, $1.50 and $1.75. January Sale 85c

Women's Silk Dresses Greatly Reduced

Lot 1—Regular Values to $25.00. January Sale Price $9.50

These Dresses are made of taffeta, crepe de Chine, messaline, silk poplin and fine serges. The styles are up-to-the-minute, and every Dress is well made and prettily trimmed with fine lace, and collar and cuffs of Georgette crepe. Colors rose, grey, brown, navy and black. All sizes.

Lot 2—Regular Value to $35.00. January Sale Price $14.50

This lot consists of Afternoon and Evening Dresses, made in many elaborate styles from taffeta, satin, crepe de Chine, silk chiffon and serges. All are beautifully made with Georgette collars and sleeves, and trimmed with fine laces. Every Dress is from our regular stock, which speaks for highest in style and quality.

Women's Suits at Clearance Sale Prices

The Suits in these four groups come in all the season's smartest styles and materials. Every garment is well made and lined with good quality silk or satin. All the favorite colors are represented, such as brown, grey, green, navy and black. Also many tweeds and novelty checks. Do not fail to come in and look these Suits over as the values are extraordinary.

Lot 1—Values to $30.00. January Sale $12.50
Lot 2—Values to $35.00. January Sale $21.50
Lot 3—Values to $55.00. January Sale $27.50

Women's Tweed Suits

Regular Values to $25.00. January Sale $9.00

At this price you can choose from a splendid range of Tweed Suits in grey, brown and heather mixtures. They are made in semi-tailored and novelty styles, lined with a splendid quality silk. Skirts are cut on wide lines.

Special Bargains From the Bargain Basement

Ladies' Navy Blue Serge Suits to be cleared. Remarkable values. Reg. $35.00. Sale $9.50

Ladies' Winter Coats, in navy, black, brown, green and grey. Reg. $17.50. Sale price... $6.25

Girls' Tweed Coats, suitable for girls aged 14 to 16. Extraordinary value. Sale Price $2.50

Velvet Hat Shapes, in black and navy. Reg. $1.50 and $2.00. Sale price ..... 75¢

Children's White Knitted Sweaters, trimmed with navy blue collar and band, 75c to $1.25

Children's Crepe Rompers, in saxe blue and navy. Special sale price, only ..... 65¢

MAYOR AGAIN DEALS WITH SAANICH

Declares Municipality Treated City in Most Disgraceful Way—Some Aldermen Oppose Process of Baiting.

The City Council last night refused to adopt Mayor Stewart's recommendations and rescind the motion passed last week relieving Saanich immediately of the agreement it has with the city for fire protection of the southern part of the municipality without the usual six months' notice. The Mayor asked that the action of last week be rescinded because of the determination of Saanich to make Victoria pay taxes on Mount Douglas Park, which is in Saanich municipality and used by its people, although owned by the city.

The Mayor declared that Reeve McGregor and Councillor Grant, of Saanich, fought Victoria's proposal for the exemption of parks from taxation when the question was before the recent meeting of the Union of B. C. Municipalities at Vernon. He said the relations between Saanich and Victoria are altogether too one-sided. Victoria allowed Saanich to take gravel from the Mount Douglas Park to repair its roads, and yet Saanich comes back and threatens to sue the city for the taxes on the park.

"Why, Saanich owes us up to $50,000 in connection with the northeast sewer," continued the Mayor. "We have allowed our sewers to supply part of their district. Saanich was to have paid up this $30,000 to $50,000 share of the cost of the sewer, but has never come through with the money, as they have failed to submit the necessary bylaw to the people. Oak Bay and Esquimalt have always paid up and we have no trouble with them.

"And then Saanich has never paid a cent to the upkeep of the Victoria public library. We are paying $12,000 to $20,000 a year for its upkeep and allow Saanich ratepayers to take out books. And what do we get for this? Nothing but abuse.

"They also use our jail."

"Is there a place got apart in the jail for them?" asked Alderman Walker.

"To go on they thought we were here for the special purpose of providing them with a high school at the expense of the ratepayers of Victoria," continued the Mayor.

"I never knew of the Shelbourne Street affair until I went out to the opening of the street. I think that was about the smallest thing any council has ever done. There was a difference of a couple of feet as regards the boundary line in the survey of the city and the Saanich men. The city finished the paving to the boundary line first. they were that stingy that they would not fill in that last couple of feet to finish the street."

Some of the aldermen wanted to know why Saanich had not been made to pay up the $30,000 to $50,000 owing since 1911 on the northeast sewer. No one knew why. City Comptroller Raymur said that the treasurer's department had nothing to do with the collection.

Alderman Johns opposed the continuation of the sport of Saanich-baiting, declaring that the people of the two municipalities having so much in common ought to be able to get along without friction.

Alderman Fullerton said that it would be a financial gain for Victoria to cancel the fire protection agreement, anyway, as Saanich was getting the best of it. Aldermen Todd and Peden said it was senseless to try to force a continuation of the agreement for six months more just to spite Saanich, when it would be to the disadvantage of Victoria.

"The best thing is for the lamb and the lion to lie down together and eat straw or whatever they can get hold of," was the advice of Alderman Dilworth.

"I never expected the repeal to carry anyway," said Mayor Stewart after only Aldermen Porter, Walker and Dilworth had voted with him. "I only wanted to put myself on record. Saanich has been treating this city in a most disgraceful way."

Ontario's Help for Soldiers

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands in the Ontario cabinet, speaking at Cookstown, Ont., tonight, said the Provincial Government was appropriating $1,000,000 to assist returned soldiers to go on the land. The Government, he said, would establish training schools and advance money to help the men stock farms and make improvements.

NO TIME FOR PEACE

Allies Have Achieved the Mastery and Will Use It at Their Discretion

(From The London Observer)

The Allies have achieved the mastery of the conflict by their own efforts, and they will use it at their own discretion. As they received no help, they will accept no hindrance.

The war which was begun in their despite will be ended according to their design. Humanitarian pleas from outside are as belated as they are fallacious. Where there was no intervention to save Belgium, there shall be none to screen Germany. The garotter shall not trade upon susceptibilities that availed nothing to his victim. No logic was ever more limpid, nor any justice more manifest.

And let us add that no zeal for the reign of peace, righteousness and goodwill upon earth could be more hideously perverted than in seeking to avert the doom of that organized infamy against which we are embattled.

To stop short of the goal that Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand have defined would be to heap nightmare and cruelty upon coming years that should be bright and joyous through our suffering.

Every man whose body lies beneath some alien sod "that is for ever England" has given a legacy of more abundant life to generations which he could never see. To maim and tarnish that heritage by a nerveless and faithless folly is the unpardonable sin from which the soul of our greatness could not be purified.

"My words shall be few," said Chatham, "but they shall be daggers."

The vital sentence of Mr. Asquith's oration was like a blast from the suddenly opened door of a furnace. In a dozen scorching words he withered up the weeds that flourish upon the thin soil of sentiment and destroyed all the floating germs of peace talk and half-heartedness.

Pulling aside the spacious garments of cant and comfort, he made the Hohenzollern ring with his exposure of a "patched-up, precarious, dishonoring compromise, masquerading under the name of peace."

The language will never be found that could more justly and nobly stigmatize the realities skulking beneath a high-sounding benevolence. The clock of history might have been heard striking one of its hours.

DESCRIBES BRITAIN'S SPIRIT IN WAR

George McLaren Brown, European Manager of the C.P.R., Delivers Address Before Canadian Club of Hamilton.

Mr. George McLaren Brown, European manager of the C.P.R. in London, in a speech before the Canadian Club at Hamilton the other day, said:

"It is a matter of peculiar gratification for me to find myself at this dinner with my old-time friends, especially with my old friends of the old 13th and Col. Labatt, Col. Robertson and others. To Col. Labatt all honor is due. You do not realize as I do how that gallant gentleman rose superior to some very serious injuries, and I am pleased to see him in such good health.

"I suppose, gentlemen, that it would be your wish that whatever I may have to say would be in relation to the great war which is devastating Europe and shaking the civilization of the world. Personally, I have one great consoling thought: that out of this welter of evil good must undoubtedly come, if we, as a nation, take thought earnestly and strive, when the good does appear, that we do not resist it. God forbid that Canada should ever know the horrors of modern war, but, as a Canadian, I frankly say that it is to me a matter of deep regret that Canada is so far removed from the scene of strife; that her material prosperity was so great that her people have not yet understood the writing on the wall.

"To the Motherland these lessons are emphasized in universal sorrow, tribulation and distress. God grant that Canada may be spared at least some measure of this bitter teaching and at the same time be able to recognize the facts of life and forget the fiction. May the sacrifices of those gallant Canadian souls, and those of the heroic Canadian women who have given their loved ones for the cause be sufficient in themselves to awaken the Canadian people. My heart is wrung, and I sorrow with my countrymen and countrywomen who have suffered; for the great dead we dare not grieve—their's has been the supreme sacrifice, and the sublime reward.

"But I believe that you would prefer to know the condition of the Canadians in England and the attitude of the people of the old land towards them. As Canadians we may well be proud of our fighting men and our women—our glorious women—in their self-sacrifice. To these brave men and women every honor is due, and we who are not serving might well take pattern from them.

Canada's Part Appreciated

"To say that Canada's part in the war is appreciated by Britain, but tamely expresses it. So anxious are the British people to show their admiration that they find in what we in Canada have done much more than really exists. They overlook certain deficiencies, and if we say that this is Canada's fight as well as theirs, they persist in believing that what Canada has done has been one marvelous voluntary sacrifice. You are forced to the belief that, to the average Englishman, what Canada and the other overseas dominions have done bulks larger in his mind than the immeasurable sacrifice of his own land; and what the people of the United Kingdom have done is beyond parallel, and never will be paralleled in this world. We can well be proud that we come of British stock, the stock which made the Empire, and which alone can hold it together.

Pre-War Conditions

The pre-war condition of England was criminal. It was not due to any individual, but the responsibility rested on all the people. Long years of prosperity had lured them into a false sense of security; they had become selfish, thinking only for the moment; the rich knew nothing of the poor, beyond their formal donations to charity; the poor grew in their hatred of the rich. Labor and capital were constantly at strife; unrest prevailed, and the country was ripe for a catastrophe at any time.

"With this word picture before you, cast your minds back to the 4th day of August, 1914. We must marvel at the men in England, with their unrivaled faith in the character of the people. It needed this great national tribulation to lift the people back to those great heights on which once they stood, and, remembering what England was two short years ago, and knowing what she is today, in my mind I could almost subscribe to a statue to the German Kaiser and his actions for what they had done for the British people. He meant destruction, but he wrought salvation.

"At the beginning of the war, Britain had facilities for taking care of not more than 36,400 recruits. Immediately after August 4 an organization was improvised for the handling of millions of men. New departments came into being. Blunders were made—serious blunders—but there was never a step backwards. With all the great difficulties there were men who were great enough to fight doggedly on till order was evolved out of chaos, and if she would, Britain might now provide herself, within her own country, with all of the munitions that were required. But the manufacturers of Canada need have no fear of their munition orders ceasing. Britain will continue to order from Canada everything that Canada is able to provide. Many materials could be purchased elsewhere to better advantage, but Canada is the first place that is looked to. Purchases are to be made in Canada to Canada's capacity.

The so-called dilution of labor has been another wonderful development. Trade unionism was higher developed before the war in Britain than in any other country, but the mechanic has accepted without cavil the unskilled laborer. This tells the story of the patriotism of the Britisher who works with his hands.

"Who before the outbreak of war would have dared to predict that any form of military conscription would be tolerated in Great Britain? The spirit of the people is behind the Government in this war, and they will not consent to any incomplete or imperfect peace.

Soldiers' Wives in England

"There is one condition which I think as Canadians we ought to strive to rectify. There are at the present time in England 30,000 Canadian women and children—wives of the fighting men. I can sympathize with their anxiety to be as near their loved ones as possible, but they are no nearer to seeing them than they were before. Many are doing indispensable work in connection with the Red Cross, the Maple Leaf clubs, etc., and some of them have independent means, but the vast majority of them are not able to pay their way, and many are in dire distress, receiving the uncomplaining charity of the British nation. I hold that only those who are connected with national work should remain in England, for they are adding to the problems of the English people.

"If any action is to be taken, it must be taken by Canada, for such is the appreciation of Canada in Britain that there will never be any complaint from that source. There is another side of the question. If peace were declared, every vessel would be necessary for the repatriation of the English troops. It will not be done in a day; it would not be done in a year. This would mean that thousands of Canadian women would be marooned in Britain for perhaps two years, while their husbands have been sent back across the seas."

In conclusion, Mr. Brown made a ringing appeal for greater service, and was accorded a hearty round of applause.

Dr. Ford Verrinder, dentist, has resumed practice, 305 Campbell Building. Phone 3571

THE BOOTERY'S GREAT Closing-Out Sale

BEGINS TOMORROW MORNING AT 9:30

And to every man or woman in Victoria this is a chance extraordinary to practice economy. Ours is a stock second to none in style and quality. Most of it has been bought (or contracted for) many months ago and is therefore not affected by the recent advances in the price of better grade footwear. At this CLOSING-OUT SALE it will pay you to buy for your present and future needs. Prices such as these can only be duplicated in the future at a heavy loss to the merchant.

MEN! LOOK AT THESE PRICES

28 Pairs Men's Boots

Fine quality box calf Bluchers, with heavy single sole and medium toe. Regular $5.00. Closing-Out Sale **$3.75**

25 Pairs Men's Boots

Medium heavy, leather lined box calf Bluchers, double, waterproof sole. Regular at $7.00. Closing-Out Sale **$5.25**

36 Pairs Men's Boots

Dr. Brandon's famous Cushion Sole Shoe. Made in Blucher style, of extra fine vici kid. Regular at $8.50. Closing-Out Sale **$6.50**

Walk-Over Shoes for Men

Our entire stock of Walk-Over Shoes is included in this sacrifice. The new prices are:

Regular at $9.50, Now **$8.00**
Regular at $8.50, Now **$7.00**
Regular at $7.50, Now **$6.50**

34 Pairs Men's Boots

Extra quality tan calfskin Oxfords, Blucher or button style. Regular $6.00. Closing-Out Sale **$3.75**

48 Pairs Men's Boots

Nice quality velour calfskin, in either straight or swing last; slip sole. Regular at $7.50. Closing-Out Sale **$6.00**

25 Pairs Men's Boots

Velour calfskin boots, in smart, dressy last, single sole, button style. Regular at $7.50. Closing-Out Sale **$5.75**

23 Pairs Men's Boots

Patent Blucher Oxfords, in all sizes and widths. Reg. at $6.00. Closing-Out Sale. **$3.75**

Ladies! This Is Your Chance to Save

150 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Assorted styles and all high-grade qualities. Regular values $5.00 and $6.00. Closing-Out Sale **$4.00**

30 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Nice Velour Calf Lacing Boots, with black Cravenette 9-inch tops; heavy single sole and medium heel. Regular $5.50. Closing-Out Sale **$4.00**

115 Pairs Ladies' Boots

The famous Walk-Over make. Fine quality kid, in assorted styles; 7 or 8-inch tops. Regular at $7.00 and $8.00. Closing-Out Sale **$6.00**

133 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Patent Colt Boots, with colored cloth tops, lace or button styles. Regular at $6.00. Closing-Out Sale **$4.00**

185 Pairs Ladies' Pumps

A wide assortment of styles in patent leather, gunmetal calfskin or kid. Various ornaments, heels, etc. Regular at $4.50 to $5.50. Closing-Out Sale **$3.50**

Ladies' Novelty Footwear

16 Pairs, Extra Fine Brown Kid Lacing Boots, vamps of brown ooze calf; satin lined; full Louis heel; 8½-inch top. Regular at $14.00. Closing-Out Sale **$10.00**

16 Pairs, Walk-Over Duo-tone Lacing Boots, washable grey kid; 9-inch tops; covered Louis heels. Regular at $12.50. Closing-Out Sale **$8.75**

38 Pairs, Walk-Over Patent Bals., washable, 8½-inch white kid tops; leather Louis heels; Goodyear welted. Regular $10.00. Closing-Out Sale... **$7.75**

28 Pairs, Walk-Over Boots, extra fine Russet calf (tan); lacing style, with 8-inch white or champagne kid washable tops. Regular at $10.00. Closing-Out Sale **$7.75**

23 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Dull Kid Boots, with 8 inch tops; novelty pattern, finished with smart buttons. Regular at $6.50. Closing-Out Sale **$5.00**

25 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Patent Boots, with white nubuck top in novelty effect; leather Louis heel. Regular at $7.00. Closing-Out Sale **$5.00**

75 Pairs Ladies' Pumps

An assortment of fresh new styles in patent leather or gunmetal calfskin; Goodyear welted soles. Regular at $6.00. Closing-Out Sale **$4.00**

45 Pairs Ladies' Boots

Smart Glazed Kid Boots, with 8-inch tops, leather Louis heels and medium sole. Regular at $6.50. Closing-Out Sale **$4.75**

155 Pairs Ladies' Evening Slippers

A beautiful assortment of patent or dull kid styles; all sizes and widths. Regular at $6.00. Closing-Out Sale **$4.50**

75 Pairs Ladies' Pumps

Fetching styles in all nubuck or nubuck with patent vamp; instep strap. Regular at $6.00. Closing-Out Sale **$3.50**

BRING THE CHILDREN WITH YOU

45 Pairs Boys' Boots

Beautiful quality Box Calf Boots, with heavy single sole. Ideal for dress or school wear. Sizes 11 to 13½. Regular $4.00. Now **$3.00**

Sizes 1 to 5. Regular $4.50. Now **$3.25**

23 Pairs Girls' Boots

Exceptional quality calfskin, button style. Sizes 11 to 2. Regular at $4.00. Closing-Out Sale **$3.00**

20 Pairs Boys' Boots

Fine mahogany calfskin, slip sole Bluchers.

Sizes 11 to 13½. Regular $4.00. Now **$3.00**

Sizes 1 to 5. Regular $4.50. Now **$3.50**

55 Pairs Girls' Boots

This is an assorted offering, which includes several of our best lines in patent leather and fine calf. Regular $3.75 and $4.50. Closing-Out Sale **$3.00**

16 Pairs Boys' Boots

Heavy box calf Bluchers, A-1 quality, all leather.

Sizes 11 to 13½. Regular $3.50. Now **$2.50**

Sizes 1 to 5. Regular $4.00. Now **$2.75**

65 Pairs Growing Girls' Boots

Button and lace styles, in fashionable lasts. Low heels and heavy single soles. Regular at $5.00. Closing-Out Sale **$3.75**

Several Smart Salesmen Wanted Apply 8:30 a. m.

THE BOOTERY
1111 Government St.
Next to Kirkham's

The Cream of the Values Will be on Sale TOMORROW

SEES PERIL FOR U.S.A.

New York Pastor Says United States Has "Rubbed Salt in Europe's Wounds"

Speaking in the Madison Avenue Baptist Church at New York the other day, the Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, the pastor, declared that no one man was big enough to be the arbiter between the nations at war in Europe. Dr. Eaton said he was willing that his boy should shoulder a gun and fight for his country, but he was unwilling to have his offspring shot to death through the kind of stupidity and selfishness that, he asserted, was ruining the country.

"We have seen during the last week," he said, "America with its head down, and the European nations asking, 'Where is America?' Her soul is satisfied with sentimentality and with the A B C's of common sense. Mark what I say. Those nations will quit fighting and will come over here and punish us for the insults of last week and for rubbing salt in their wounds. We have even been told in the last few days that Belgium is fighting for the same thing that Germany is. There can be no peace until punishment is meted out, until all wrongs are righted.

Presidents of Parliaments

LONDON, Jan. 2.—In a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen the correspondent says: "The Vienna Richspost says it learns that an important meeting of the presidents of the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish Parliaments will be held in Berlin on January 15."

Corns Cured Quick Applied in 5 Seconds

Sore, blistering feet from corn-pinched toes can be cured by Putnam's Extractor in 24 hours. "Putnam's" soothes away that drawing pain, eases instantly, makes the foot feel good at once. Get a 25c bottle of "Putnam's" today.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

Having served you as an Alderman for 1916, I have the ambition to aspire for the same honor in 1917.

Your vote and influence solicited towards my return.

Walter Walker

FOR ALDERMAN
J. Ivan Seabrook

I want the trust of your vote and influence. I ask it, knowing the responsibility at this time to our city.

To the Electors of Victoria

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am candidate for Alderman, and solicit your vote and influence.

A. A. HUMBER.

TO THE ELECTORS CITY OF VICTORIA.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are respectfully requested to mark your ballot for Alderman in the forthcoming election, 11 January, 1917, thus:

Edwyn Brenton Andros	X

I am in favor of PROGRESS—THRIFT—EFFICIENCY

Wishing you the Compliments of the Season, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours truly,
E. B. ANDROS.
644 Linden Avenue,
28th December, 1916.

For Alderman

To the Electors of the City of Victoria: I beg to announce myself as candidate for Alderman at the forthcoming election, and would respectfully solicit your support on my past record.

WILLIAM LUNEY, Senior.

PORTER'S Committee Rooms

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Phone 865

WILL AGITATE FOR ESQUIMALT DRYDOCK

Board of Trade Losing No Time in Making Thorough Representations to Ottawa—Say It is Imperial Necessity.

The Board of Trade will resume the agitation for the immediate construction of the proposed drydock at Esquimalt at an early date. Mr. F. A. Pauline, M.P.P., chairman of the committee on harbors and navigation, will be asked by the council at its meeting next Friday morning to draft a memorial to be submitted to Sir Robert Borden, presenting the case in a comprehensive manner so as to impress the Ottawa authorities with the necessity of undertaking the work.

When Sir Robert was in Victoria recently the Board of Trade hade brief representations to him on the drydock situation. He stated that the Federal Government, in view of the extra expenditure caused by the war, felt that work on all new public undertakings should be suspended unless there were the gravest possible reasons for not doing so. The Board of Trade holds that the establishment of adequate drydock facilities at Esquimalt is an Imperial necessity, and that the fact that the country is at war is only another reason why it should be built at once.

It is the opinion of the Board of Trade that the existing dock is too small for the present requirements of the naval and mercantile marine of the British Empire and its Allies that is now or may hereafter be operating in the North Pacific. After the conclusion of peace it is thought certain there will be an increase in the number and size of ships. Under normal conditions the commerce of the Pacific Northwest gains steadily in magnitude and the construction of the dock was felt to be an urgent commercial necessity even before the war. A considerable volume of profitable business is being diverted from British Columbia by reason of the absence of the projected docking facilities.

The Board of Trade will emphasize the claim that the proximity of Esquimalt to the high seas and the readiness with which it can be approached at all seasons of the year and all weathers render the undertaking essential for naval and commercial purposes, no matter what facilities of the same nature may be provided, or are in contemplation, at other points on the Pacific Coast.

A definite proposal as to how the work might be financed will be made in the representations. What is wanted is an immediate start, and it has been suggested that only preliminary appropriations be voted so as to get the work under way, and completed whenever conditions warrant it. An outlay of $100,000 might be set aside for the present and the contract awarded. If the war continued throughout the year, as soon as the initial outlay was spent work might be suspended, if thought advisable, but it should be stipulated that, if the war ended during the year, the work should be proceeded with until finished.

Sado Due Tomorrow

Mr. W. R. Dale, local agent for the N. Y. K. Line is advised that the liner Sado Maru will reach this port from the Far East some time tomorrow. She is bringing three passengers and 420 tons of freight for Victoria.

To the Electors of the City of Victoria

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

As I am a candidate for the office of chief magistrate of this city, I herewith place before you my views on some of the most important questions that may come before the Municipal Council in the ensuing year. There are many matters of pressing moment to the citizens, all involving financial consideration, with which I shall fully deal, but the health, the environment of the people and the education of our children should receive first consideration. Without this, our greatest asset, our material resources would be of very little value, hence I do not hesitate to place the protection and development of our best asset first.

HEALTH

"We must have a clean city. With that end in view I favor the extension of the sewer system wherever necessary, the maintenance of our bathing beaches and the strict surveillance over streets and over sections of the city that are liable to become a menace to the health of our citizens. I favor the appointment of a Health Officer on full time, so that not only the high standard of efficiency in this department may be maintained, but that officers and institutions for the care of the sick and needy may be carefully and fully supervised."

PUBLIC MORALS

"I am heartily in accord with the strong sentiment favoring a clean, moral city. The proper development of our children and the conservation of the best interests of our people demand the strict enforcement of law without discrimination. I shall, if elected, fearlessly and honestly observe my oath of office, enforce the laws enacted for the government of the city, and hold the officers of the law to a strict account for the full performance of their duty. With a view to giving the people more control over the Police Commissioners, who are entrusted with law enforcement, I shall do my best to secure the power to elect them to their positions."

EDUCATION

"The education of our children shall have my hearty support. To maintain our schools to the proper standard of efficiency we must provide the needed equipment and the best possible teachers. The orphan and homeless children must have the same care and training as those in more favored circumstances."

FINANCES

"The administration of the civic finances will have my most careful consideration and attention. To maintain public confidence I shall make searching inquiry into every department of finance. If elected I shall immediately request the Council to give facilities for an independent audit of all our books and accounts. I favor a yearly audit of our affairs by a Government auditor, but in the meantime I shall give the fullest publicity to our affairs. The large undertakings and abnormal expenditures of the past few years have increased the charges against our income to an alarming extent. Some of the ratepayers find it impossible to meet the taxes, particularly the frontage tax against their property. I assure the electorate that I shall, with the assistance of the other members of the Council and citizens, endeavor to find some way out of our taxation difficulties that shall be just to the taxpayers as a whole. Failing to find some scheme that shall equitably meet the difficulty I shal favor requesting the Provincial Government to appoint a commission of experts that shall make recommendations to our city and to other municipalities similarly affected. The assessments in some parts of the city are today too high and inequitable. I favor a change in the system of arriving at comparative values of properties."

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

"The growth of our city depends not only upon its favored location and natural attractiveness, but also upon the aggressive development of the resources of Vancouver Island, the linking up of our system of railways within the city and with the Mainland, particularly by way of Seymour Narrows, and to the establishing of industries within or near our own limits. To that end I favor assisting the Government in the early construction of the Johnson Street Bridge. Our contribution to the original cost and maintenance together with style and plans of the bridge must be made acceptable to our citizens. All parties to the undertaking failing to agree, I favor referring the whole question to the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada for their determination. The Rock Bay Bridge is before the electors for their judgment and mandate. I favor the original site opposite the Rock Bay Hotel. The bridge on this site will not only cost less, but it will be less expensive to maintain."

FIRE INSURANCE

"The high state of efficiency of our Fire Department, together with our excellent water works system, should ensure us lower rates of fire insurance. I shall do my best with the local agents and their insurance companies to secure more favorable rates for our citizens."

PUBLIC WORKS

"On all public works that shall be undertaken this year, I favor day labor, giving our own citizens the full benefit of such work. I firmly believe in paying good wages and salaries, but must have adequate returns for the expenditures made. Efficiency should always be properly rewarded. With a view to the securing more efficient service in the various departments, I favor continuing the reorganization of the civic service."

WATER WORKS

"We have a very valuable asset in our Water Works System. I favor giving consumers the very lowest rates possible to assist them in beautifying their grounds and in developing our local industries. I shall do my best to secure more customers and thus increase our revenue."

MY RECORD

"I point with a certain degree of pride to my five years of continuous service to the city. I assisted in many of our largest undertakings. The Sooke Lake Water Works and the paving system, both projected before my incumbency, I helped to bring to a successful conclusion. I have endeavored to deal honestly and fairly with all citizens and undertakings. It became necessary to reduce expenditure, but economy with a due regard to efficiency was always my guide. As during the past five years, the whole of my time and thoughts are at your disposal. Should you favor me with your votes and elect me your mayor, I shall, as in the past, conduct myself as a true citizen and with due regard to my office."

Anticipating your vote and influence, I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours truly,
R. J. PORTER.

WIRELESS REPORT
(By Government Wireless)

6 p.m.

Point Grey—Clear; S. E. fresh; 29.65; 38.

Cape Lazo—Clear; calm; 29.64; 35; sea smooth.

Pachena—Cloudy; W.; 29.64; 37; light swell.

Estevan—Cloudy; S.W. moderate; 29.43; 38; heavy swell. 11 a.m., passed out, str. Princess Beatrice, southbound.

Triangle—Overcast; S.W. light; 29.80; 36; heavy swell. 5 p.m., spoke oil tanker Richmond en route to Prince Rupert.

Dead Tree—Snow; W. light; 29.64; 30; sea smooth.

Ikeda—Cloudy; calm; 29.26; 35; sea smooth.

Prince Rupert—Snow; variable; S.W.; 29.45; 32; dense seaward. 4:30 p.m., passed in, str. Chelohsin, northbound. 11:45 a.m., spoke str. Princess Ena due Surf Inlet 2 p.m., northbound; spoke str. Imperoyal due Prince Rupert 9:30 p.m., northbound.

STEAMER DROPS HER PROPELLER AT SEA

Lumber Vessel Klamath, With Passengers Aboard, Towed Into Port After Mishap During Gale.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—The lumber steamer Klamath with passengers aboard was being towed tonight to Astoria, Ore., minus a propeller, which she dropped in a gale late last night ten miles off Cape Arago, Ore. At no time was the Klamath considered in any great danger, as the wind continued seaward during the night.

The steamer was bound from San Francisco for Portland and when she was first reported in distress she was being driven northwest by a heavy offshore gale. The first wireless report from the disabled vessel was received at Marshfield and Cape Blanco wireless stations. The steamer Kilburn put out to sea from Marshfield and took the Klamath in tow.

For a time the Klamath's position was considered very precarious in view of the possibility of the wind veering to the coast, in which case she would have been in danger of being driven upon the rocks.

The Klamath was bound for Portland in ballast to load lumber for the Charles R. McCormack Lumber Company, her owners. She left San Francisco Sunday. She was built at Fairhaven, Cal., in 1909; is of 1,038 gross tonnage, 207.5 feet in length, 41.6 feet in breadth and has a depth of 15.4 feet. She is of 800 horsepower.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 2.—Arrived: Strs. Turret Crown, Anyox, B.C.; Senator Tacoma; Yokohama Maru, Tacoma. Sailed: Strs. Spokane, Alaskan ports; Francisco; Governor, Tacoma; Tacoma Maru, Tacoma.

WRANGEL, Alaska, Jan. 2.—Sailed: Strs. City of Seattle and Princess Sophia, Skagway.

HONOLULU, Jan. 2.—Schr. Caroline, Port Angeles, thence Dec. 6.

CALLAO, Dec. 30.—Arrived: Str. Colusa, Tacoma, Wash.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 2.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Schley, Seattle; ship Falls of Clyde, Honolulu; schr. Alvena, Manila. Sailed: Strs. Daisy Freeman, Grays Harbor; Stanley Dollar, Umatilla, Seattle.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 1.—Sailed: Str. W. S. Porter, San Francisco.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—Arrived: Str. Governor, Seattle.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—Arrived: Str. Johan Pulsen, San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Breakwater, San Francisco.

FLAVEL, Ore., Jan. 2.—Sailed: Str. Northern Pacific, San Francisco.

JAPANESE SHIPS ADOPT OIL

Hokkai Maru Is First Commercial Carrier to Discontinue Coal

When next the well known Japanese tramp Hokkai Maru makes a run from Japan to the Pacific Coast she will be fully equipped with oil burners. The vessel will be the first of the Nipponese merchant fleet to adopt liquid fuel, and it is understood that all of the Mitsui flag will be changed over. She is loading a complete oil-burning plant at Seattle that will be installed when she reaches Japan.

The general use of oil in the Pacific trade, regardless of nationality, is said by steamship owners to be comparatively close at hand. Stations have been established at various ports for replenishing the tanks of vessels now burning crude oil. With the rapidly increasing auxiliary schooner and motorship fleet, which utilizes a different oil, necessitating the transportation of more of the liquid fuel to foreign lands for their benefit, oil steamers will be taken as well, so the time is thought to be approaching when coal burners will be as rare as is now the case on inland waters of the Northwest.

COLONIST SHIPPING GUIDE

OCEAN VESSELS

Steamers to Arrive

Sado Maru, from Kobe	Jan. 4
Manila Maru, from Hongkong	Jan. 5
Inaba Maru, from Kobe	Jan. 9
Makura, from Sydney	Jan. 11
Empress of Russia, from Hongkong	Jan. 15
Tamba Maru, from Hongkong	Jan. 18
Protesilaus, from Hongkong	Jan. 20
Ormiston, from Glasgow	Jan. 20
Empress of Japan, from Hongkong	Jan. 31

Steamers to Sail

Yokohama Maru, for Hongkong	Jan. 5
Taithybius, for Hongkong	Jan. 5
Tacoma Maru, for Yokohama	Jan. 8
Sado Maru, for Kobe	Jan. 13
Inaba Maru, for Kobe	Jan. 19
Tamba Maru, for Hongkong	Jan. 28

A most pleasing outlet for the dancing energy of the Americans who would be up and doing is the "Harry Von Tilzer Medley One-Step," just issued by Columbia. It is composed of melodious extracts from "On the South Sea Isle," "Honest Injun," "There's Someone More Lonesome Than You," and "Through These Wonderful Glasses of Mine." And to this generous measure is added the brilliance of Prince's Band.

STRIKE DEVELOPMENT IS EXPECTED TODAY

Portland Shipbuilders and Employees Are Still at Outs—Trouble May Occur When Plant Reopens This Morning.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—There have been no important developments in the shipbuilding strike situation here, but both sides are now watching the progress of events with keen interest.

The Willamette Iron & Steel Company, where about 320 men walked out Friday after a strike had been called by the Metal Trades Council, intends to go on working as usual. About 50 men of this plant did not go out.

"We shall go to work with what men we have," said President B. C. Ball yesterday, "and shall begin at once and do everything we can to build up our regular force. We are not sending outside for men, however, at this time.

"Men who apply for work will be given jobs. We do not expect that we shall have to send away for men."

On the other hand, representatives of the Metal Trades Council say that the Willamette Iron & Steel Company, where a strike was declared Saturday coincidentally with the shutting down of the plant until Wednesday morning, will not be able to obtain men to replace those who have gone out. They point to the great demand in shipbuilding plants all over the country for men, and say that their places cannot possibly be filled at the current wage scale.

The Metal Trades Council have decided to place pickets at the Willamette Company's plant with the idea of persuading men appearing there not to work. The union men say their methods will be entirely orderly and peaceable, however.

J. R. Bowles, president of the Northwest Steel Company, is expected home from the East sometime this week. In his absence Walter B. Beebe, vice-president in charge, shut down the plant last Saturday until tomorrow morning, with the statement that this action was taken to enable a general overhauling and repairs to be made.

How many, if any, men at the plant will return to work Wednesday morning will not be known until then, as the shutdown took effect a few minutes before the Metal Trades Council declared its strike.

What action the Northwest Steel Company will take may not be known until President Bowles arrives here.

For the present, at least, it does not appear likely that the strike will spread to the Smith & Watson Iron Works or the Albina Engine & Machine Works, the plant of William Cornfoot.

Arthur R. Burns, president of the Metal Trades Council, went to Seattle yesterday, presumably in connection with the strike.

FIRST BOAT WILL BE LAUNCHED THIS MONTH

Wallace Shipyards Rushing Work to Make Launching Possible Within Two Weeks —Compete With Local Plant.

NORTH VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 2.—The outside planking of the second of the four wooden ships under construction at the Wallace Shipyards at their No. 2 yards is still under way. Work is being pushed as fast as possible to have the launching of the first vessel about the middle of the present month. The date, however, has not been definitely fixed.

Neither has the exact date for the launching of the first local vessel by the Cameron Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Limited, at their plant on the Songhees Reserve been definitely fixed, but it will be no fault of the Victoria shipbuilders if the schooner Margaret Haney does not take her first dip into salt water at least one day ahead of the Mabel Brown, the name given to the vessel which the Wallace Shipyards expect to launch about the middle of this month.

Four of the six wooden vessels which the Wallace Shipyards have contracts for are now in different stages of construction. The keel of their first vessel was laid some weeks in advance of the laying of the keel for the local ship, the Margaret Haney, but the weather conditions on the Mainland caused considerable delay, and it soon became apparent that both the Mabel Brown and the Margaret Haney would be ready for launching about the same time.

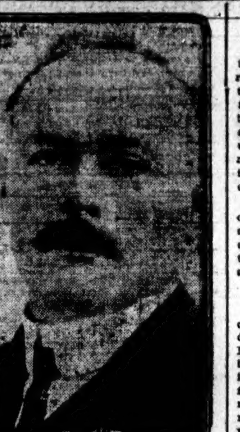
Considerable interest has resulted in the situation which has developed and the race between the two shipyards is becoming keener as the work on the vessels nears completion. Needless to say, a good deal of friendly argument has been taking place as to who is going to be first to celebrate a launching, and the affair has resulted in a considerable number of bets being placed.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

JANUARY, 1917

Date.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.	Time. Ht.
1	1:50 5.7	8:56 9.1	17:02 3.8	....
2	....	9:21 9.3	17:56 2.9	....
3	....	9:45 9.6	18:38 2.2	....
4	....	10:10 9.7	19:13 1.8	....
5	....	10:27 9.7	19:44 1.5	....
6	....	11:05 9.6	20:13 1.4	....
7	6:30 9.0	7:30 9.0	11:35 9.4	20:43 1.4
8	6:48 8.8	8:20 8.8	12:07 9.1	21:15 1.6
9	7:25 8.6	9:20 8.5	12:43 8.7	21:50 2.0
10	7:32 8.5	10:22 8.3	13:23 8.3	22:26 2.4
11	6:37 8.4	11:26 7.8	14:09 7.8	23:02 3.0
12	6:50 8.4	12:28 7.2	15:01 7.2	23:37 3.7
13	7:09 8.5	13:25 6.6	15:59 6.7	....
14	0:08 4.4	7:29 8.6	16:17 6.9	17:16 6.1
15	0:21 5.2	7:50 8.8	16:10 5.1	....
16	....	8:13 9.0	16:05 4.3	....
17	....	8:38 9.4	16:59 3.4	....
18	....	9:01 9.7	17:48 2.4	....
19	....	9:34 10.0	18:32 1.7	....
20	....	10:17 10.2	19:12 1.0	....
21	....	11:07 10.2	19:51 0.8	....
22	....	12:03 10.1	20:30 0.6	....
23	5:24 8.2	8:04 7.9	13:04 9.6	21:09 0.9
24	4:54 8.3	9:08 7.4	14:08 9.1	21:50 1.5
25	5:15 8.4	10:16 6.8	15:16 8.4	22:33 2.4
26	5:40 8.6	11:27 6.1	16:24 7.6	23:17 3.4
27	6:08 8.9	12:30 5.3	17:39 6.8	23:58 4.6
28	6:30 8.9	13:41 4.5	20:06 6.3	....
29	0:34 5.6	7:14 9.1	14:52 3.9	....
30	....	7:50 9.2	16:00 3.3	....
31	....	8:26 9.3	17:01 2.8	....

The time used is Pacific Standard for the 120th Meridian West. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The figures for height serve to distinguish high water from low water. Where blanks occur in the table the tide rises or falls continuously during two successive tidal periods without turning. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot above the average level of lower water.



—Photo by Aristo Studio.

CAPT. W. A. STEVENS

Well known on Vancouver Island. He gave up his business at Port Alberni to join the Inland Water Transport of the Royal Engineers and left with the draft from Victoria last night for overseas service.

NORTHLAND REPAIRING

Damaged Stem Is Torn Away in Advance of Drydocking Vessel Which Collided With Northwestern

Before she was drydocked at Portland yesterday, ship carpenters employed by the Joseph Supple plant turned to on the schooner Northland and tore away as much as was possible of her damaged stem.

The schooner was in collision with the steamer Northwestern off Eureka early on Friday morning last, and was injured the most, planking being smashed in as well as a few butts being started. She is not leaking and little caulking is expected to be done after she is high and dry.

The concern which has the repairing of the Northland in hand is also engaged at present on the rehabilitation of an old light vessel known as No. 50, which is being converted into a freight and passenger carried for the Mexican trade. The first carload of machinery for the vessel arrived at the plant yesterday and the gear will be installed when the rise in the river permits the vessel to be hauled out on the ways.

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ARRIVES TODAY

R. P. Rithet & Co., local agents for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line, were in receipt of a radiogram yesterday from the Japanese liner Manila Maru, bound for this port from the Orient, stating that she would reach William Head this afternoon. The time of her arrival was not stated, but it is believed she will reach quarantine in time to secure pratique before official sundown and come on to the Outer Docks.

The liner has 133 passengers all told, of whom one cabin and nine steerage are bound for Victoria and five cabin and 118 steerage for Seattle. For Victoria she is bringing 723 tons of freight and a big shipment of mail.

Captain Cox Drowned

Captain Alexander Cox, in command of the C. N. P. car-barge No. 1, was drowned in the Fraser River at Port Mann early yesterday morning. While boarding his vessel in the darkness it is thought that he lost his footing and fell overboard. The body has been recovered. Captain Cox was in command of the transfer No. 1 when it was towed to the Victoria Whaling Company's dock early in November to load nine cars of whale oil for delivery at Port Mann. He was about 35 years of age and unmarried.

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PERSONAL

MUNICIPAL Elections—What candidate for popular favor is always chosen by the majority of the people but never returned? Reply to Hamsterley Farm Public Market. Free candy for correct answer.

MADAME ROBERT, a native of France and a renowned psychic, is here for a short time only; consultation from 1 to 6 p. m. Circles Tuesday and Thursday, 8 p. m. Spirit messages. Room 104, Metropolis Hotel, Yates Street.

MADAME CEERA, psychic medium, can be consulted on all affairs of life at 920 Craigflower Road daily from 2 p. m. to 9 p. m. Spirit messages. Phone 3360. Gorge cars pass door.

TO LEASE

SOME of the best farms in Saanichton, for lease with or without stock or for sale; stock all recently tested, with certificate. Phone 18T, Saanichton.

STOCKS

IF 50 per cent per annum on your money invested in corporation now earning 50 per cent annually on its issued capital, with a cash reserve of 40 per cent on outstanding stock looks good to you, further particulars will be furnished by appointment. Box 3456, Colonist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"HIAWATHA" — The performance of "Hiawatha" will be staged on Saturday at 8 o'clock by the members of the Daisy Chain Chapter, I. O. D. E., in the Old Victoria Theatre. Tickets are priced at 50 cents and 25 cents, unreserved, and box seats reserved at $1 each.

MME. ROBERT, the renowned psychic, who has given some of the most wonderful spirit messages, has been specially requested to remain here a few days longer in order that she may give consultations to many who desire to see her again; also their friends. Metropolis Hotel, Yates Street.

PROF. ODLUM, M. A., B. Sc., will lecture in aid of the Sailors', Widows', and Orphans' fund in the old Victoria Theatre, January 11 and 12, 8 p. m. His subjects will be (1) The Unalterable Doom of Turkey; (2) A New View of the Millenium. Collection.

ST. JOHN Ambulance, Ladies' Classes—Dr. Hudson will commence home nursing lectures in the Y. W. C. A., on January 3 at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Price will commence first aid lectures in the Y. W. C. A. on January 5, at 7:30 p. m. Names for new classes will be received by Mrs. Wallace Grime, phone 569L.

TO the Shareholders of the Victoria Labor Temple, Ltd.—Take notice that the ordinary general meeting of the company will be held in Room No. 3, Labor Hall, 1424 Government Street, Victoria, B. C., on Wednesday, the 10th day of January 1917, at 8 p. m., to receive the annual report of the directors, report of the auditor, with balance sheet, to consider a resolution to reduce the number of directors, the election of directors, the appointment of auditor, and to transact such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Christian Sivertz, secretary.

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A By-Law

To raise $40,000 for the purpose of constructing a steel bascule swing or lift bridge across Victoria Harbor at Rock Bay, and repairing and strengthening the trestles and approaches of said Rock Bay bridge.

Whereas it is necessary to raise the sum of $40,000 for the purpose of constructing a steel bascule swing or lift bridge across Victoria Harbor at Rock Bay, and repairing and strengthening the trestles and approaches of said Rock Bay bridge;

And whereas it is expedient to make the principal of the said debt repayable in such yearly sums during the period of twenty (20) years as are shown in Section 3 of this By-Law, pursuant to Section 97, subsection 4 (c) of the Municipal Act;

And whereas the whole rateable land and improvements or real property of the said Corporation of the City of Victoria, according to the last revised Assessment Roll for the year 1916, was $87,943,650.50;

And whereas the total amount required to be raised annually by rate for paying the debt which will be created hereunder, and the interest thereon for twenty years according to law is shown in Section 3 of this By-Law;

And whereas this By-Law may not be altered or repealed except with the consent of the Lieut.-Governor-in-Council;

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria enacts as follows:

1. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of Victoria to borrow upon the credit of the said Corporation by way of the debentures hereinafter mentioned, from any person or persons, or body or bodies corporate, who may be willing to advance the same as a loan, a sum of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of $40,000 gross, currency or sterling money, at the rate of $4.86 2-3 to the one pound sterling, and to cause all such sums so raised or received to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of the said Corporation for the purposes and with the object hereinbefore recited;

2. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council to cause any number of debentures to be made, executed and issued for such sums as may be required, not exceeding, however, the sum of $40,000, either in currency or sterling money at the rate aforesaid, each of the said debentures being of an amount not less than $100, and all such debentures shall be sealed with the seal of the said Corporation and signed by the Mayor thereof. Such debentures shall be issued on the plan or of the class authorized by Section 97, subsection 4 (c) of the Municipal Act. (Known as the Serial Bond plan).

It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council in their discretion to alternately cause each of the said debentures to be made, executed and issued for an amount of £100 sterling, and one, if necessary, for a less sum in sterling money to complete the authorized issue.

3. The said debentures shall bear date of the 1st day of February, 1917, and shall be made payable in twenty years from said date, at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be designated thereon, and shall be payable in twenty (20) annual instalments during the twenty years next after the time when the same are issued, and the respective amounts of principal and interest payable in each of such years shall be as follows:

Year—	Principal	Interest	Total
1	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,000.00	$ 4,000.00
2	2,000.00	1,900.00	3,900.00
3	2,000.00	1,800.00	3,800.00
4	2,000.00	1,700.00	3,700.00
5	2,000.00	1,600.00	3,600.00
6	2,000.00	1,500.00	3,500.00
7	2,000.00	1,400.00	3,400.00
8	2,000.00	1,300.00	3,300.00
9	2,000.00	1,200.00	3,200.00
10	2,000.00	1,100.00	3,100.00
11	2,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
12	2,000.00	900.00	2,900.00
13	2,000.00	800.00	2,800.00
14	2,000.00	700.00	2,700.00
15	2,000.00	600.00	2,600.00
16	2,000.00	500.00	2,500.00
17	2,000.00	400.00	2,400.00
18	2,000.00	300.00	2,300.00
19	2,000.00	200.00	2,200.00
20	2,000.00	100.00	2,100.00
	$40,000.00	$21,000.00	$61,000.00

and said debentures shall have attached to them coupons for the payment of interest, and the signatures of the interest coupons may be either written, stamped, printed, lithographed or engraved.

4. The said debentures shall bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the date thereof, which interest shall be payable half-yearly, on the 1st day of February and 1st day of August, at such places in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America as may be expressed in the debenture and coupon.

5. It shall be lawful for the said Mayor and Council to cause the said debentures and interest coupons, either or both, to be made payable at such place, either in the Dominion of Canada, Great Britain or the United States of America, as may be desired.

6. It shall be lawful for the Mayor and Council of the said Corporation to dispose of the said debentures at a rate below par, and to authorize the Treasurer to pay out of the sums so raised by the sale of the said debentures all expenses connected with the preparation and engraving or lithographing of the debentures and coupons, or any discount or commission or other charges incidental to the sale of the said debentures, provided, however, that no such debentures shall be sold at a price which shall net the Corporation less than 95 cents on the dollar of par value, plus accrued interest.

7. If deemed advisable by the Mayor and Council there shall, in the said debentures, be reserved to the Corporation the right upon any future consolidation of the debenture indebtedness of the city to substitute debentures of such consolidation secured upon the credit of the city generally. Such consolidation debentures shall contain the like covenants, conditions and restrictions as are contained in the debentures issued in pursuance of this By-Law, and in each debenture issued hereunder a clause conditional for such substitution may be inserted.

8. For the purpose of raising annually the required sum for the payment of the interest on the said debentures during their currency, and for the payment of the said debentures as they respectively fall due, there shall be raised annually the sum shown in Section 3 of this By-Law, and said sums shall be raised annually by a rate sufficient therefor on all rateable land and improvements or real property in the City of Victoria during the continuance of the said debentures or any of them.

9. This By-Law shall, before the final passing thereof, receive the assent of the electors of the Corporation in the manner provided for in the Municipal Act, and shall take effect on the day of the registration hereof.

10. This By-Law may be cited as the "Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-Law, 1916."

Passed the Municipal Council this 28th day of December, A. D., 1916.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of the proposed By-Law upon which the vote of the Municipality will be taken at the premises known as No. 646 Cormorant Street (north side), on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, that the poll will be kept open between the hours of 9 a. m. and 7 p. m., and that William W. Northcott has been appointed Returning Officer for the purpose of taking such vote.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
City Clerk.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C., December 31, 1916.

City of Victoria

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

The Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-law, 1916.

I hereby give notice that such of the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria as are entitled to vote on a by-law for raising money upon the credit of the Municipality, are requested to attend at the polling place, known as 646 Cormorant Street (north side), in the City of Victoria, on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and to record their votes for or against the passage of the "Rock Bay Bridge Loan By-law, 1916," a copy of which by-law is published in the Victoria Daily Colonist and copies whereof are posted up at the City Hall, and in various other public places in the city, and at the Polling place.

And take notice that the said By-law will not be valid, or of any effect, unless the vote polled in favor thereof be that of at least three-fifths of the persons who shall vote upon such by-law.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Municipal Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTION, 1917, FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said Electors in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Douglas Street, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing three (3) persons to represent them as members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Pottery Building, 626 Pandora Street, in the said City, as follows: All voters from "A" to "Laz" inclusive, in Booth No. 1, and voters from "Le" to "Z" inclusive in Booth No. 2, in said Pottery Building at which time and place each Elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor will be entitled to cast his vote for three (3) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees; of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Any person being a British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years actually residing within the district and having been for the six months next preceding the date of nomination the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City School District of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge and being otherwise qualified to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee in such City School District.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT,
Returning Officer.

CITY OF VICTORIA

Municipal Notice

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, 1917

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria that I require the presence of the said electors in the Council Chamber at the City Hall, Douglas Street, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, from 12 (noon) to 2 p.m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor and Aldermen.

The mode of Nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open Thursday the 11th day of January, 1917, from 9 o'clock a.m. to 7 p.m. in the manner following.

For the Office of Mayor—All voters from "A" to "Lax" inclusive, in Booth No. 1, in the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419 Broad Street; and voters from "Le" to "Z" inclusive in Booth No. 2, in the building known as 1417 and 1419 Broad Street.

For the Office of Aldermen—In the building known as Nos. 1417 and 1419 Broad Street, as follows, viz.: Voters "A" to "D" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 1; Voters "E" to "Laz" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 2; Voters "Le" to "Q" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 3; and Voters "R" to "Z" inclusive in Polling Booth No. 4, of which every person is required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as the Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be any person who is a male British subject of the full age of Twenty-one years not disqualified under any law, and has for six months next preceding the Day of Nomination been the Registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of One Thousand Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and who is otherwise duly qualified as a Municipal Voter.

The persons qualified to be nominated for and elected as Aldermen of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of Twenty-one years, and who are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the Day of Nomination the Registered Owners in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value on the last Municipal Assessment Roll of Five Hundred Dollars, or more, over and above any registered judgment or charge and who are otherwise duly qualified as Municipal Voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, this 30th day of December, 1916.

WM. W. NORTHCOTT
Returning Officer

SYNOPSIS OF COAL MINING REGULATIONS

COAL mining rights of the Dominion in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories and in a portion of the Province of British Columbia, may be leased for a term of twenty-one years, renewal for a further term of 21 years at an annual rental of $1 an acre. Not more than 2,560 acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made by the applicant in person to the Agent or Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights applied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by sections, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be staked out by the applicant himself.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of $5 which will be refunded if the rights applied for are not available, but not otherwise. A royalty shall be paid on the merchantable output of the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

The person operating the mine shall furnish the Agent with sworn returns accounting for the full quantity of merchantable coal mined and pay the royalty thereon. If the coal mining rights are not being operated, such returns should be furnished at least once a year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only, rescinded by Chap. 27 of 4-5 George V., assented to 12th June, 1914.

For full information application should be made to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to any Agent or Sub-Agent of Dominion Lands.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.—83575.

VANCOUVER, VICTORIA AND EASTERN RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION CO.

Notice is hereby given that the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at its next session, for an act confirming and ratifying an agreement between the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company and the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, respecting the joint use of the tracks of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company between New Westminster and Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, and also confirming and ratifying an agreement between the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company and the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company, respecting the joint use of the tracks of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company between Hope and Sumas Landing, in the Province of British Columbia.

A. H. MacNEILL,
Solicitor for the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Co.
Vancouver, November 23, 1916.
McGiverin, Hayden & Ebbs,
19 Elgin Street, Ottawa,
Agents for A. H. MacNeill.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on the eighth day of January 1917 at 12 o'clock noon for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Reeve and Councillors.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidates shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p.m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places:

For Ward One, at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home;

For Ward Two, at the Soldiers and Sailors' Home;

For Ward Three, at the store on the corner of Arm and Craigflower Road;

Of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for Reeve shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of five hundred dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise duly qualified as a voter.

The qualifications for a councillor shall be his being a male British subject and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the nomination, and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a portion of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and who, during the remainder of said year, has been the owner of said land, of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and who is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified as a voter.

Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B.C., the 30th day of December, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the Municipality of the Township of Esquimalt, that I require the presence of the said Electors at the Municipal Hall, Esquimalt, on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing two persons as members of the Board of School Trustees.

The mode of nomination of Candidates shall be as follows:

The Candidate shall be nominated in writing; the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of this notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a Poll being necessary, such Poll will be opened on the 13th day of January, 1917, at the following places:

Ward One, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
Ward Two, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.
Ward Three, at the Store on the corner of Arm Street and Craigflower Road, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m., at which time and place each Elector, who is duly qualified to vote for Reeve, will be entitled to cast his vote for two candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for each Candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The qualification for School Trustee shall be any person being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years actually residing within the district, and having been for the three months next preceding the day of his nomination the registered owner, in the Land Registry Office, of land or real property situate within the Municipality of the assessed value, on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessments Roll, of two hundred and fifty dollars or more over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for the space of one year or more immediately preceding the day of nomination, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge; or being a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, who has resided within the Municipality for a period of one year immediately preceding the nomination, and during the remainder of said year has been the owner of said land of which he formerly was a homesteader, lessee from the Crown, or pre-emptor, and is assessed for five hundred dollars or more on the last Municipal or Provincial Assessment Roll, over and above any registered judgment or charge, and being otherwise qualified by this Act to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said school district, shall be eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee in such district municipality school district.

Given under my hand at Esquimalt, B. C., the 30th day of December, 1916.

G. H. PULLEN,
Returning Officer.

TRANSPORTATION OF CADBORO BAY SCHOOL PUPILS TO GORDON HEAD SCHOOL

Tenders will be received until noon, January 4, 1917.

(MRS.) M. M. HUTCHINSON,
Secretary,
Board of School Trustees of Saanich, Royal Oak, B. C.

WAR NEWS FAVORS MUNITIONS STOCKS

List Generally Higher at Opening of New Year's Business—Irregular Advances and Declines at Later Stages.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Higher quotations, some of which were later subjected to variable and confusing changes, ushered in the New Year in the stock market. Opening gains of two to five points, with irregular declines and greater advances during the morning, seemed to be predicated largely on events over the triple holiday. The general tenor of the foreign war news was accepted by speculative interests as tending to make for an indefinite prolongation of the conflict, causing extensive covering in the leading munitions and equipments. Stocks in that group were reinforced by the strength of United States Steel and other seasoned industrials, Steel making an extreme advance of 4⅛ to 110⅝, from which it yielded only a fraction.

Bethlehem Steel was the conspicuous exception in its class, losing 15 points on a single sale. Gulf States and Nova Scotia Steels were ten points higher at their best, with two to five for Republic Iron and Crucible, Lackawanna and Sloss-Sheffield Steels.

Shipping shares and motors were most erratic, Atlantic Gulf and West Indies and United Fruit gaining four to eight points, while Mercantile Marine was heavy after a brief upward turn. The usual specialties, namely sugars, leathers, papers, Industrial Alcohol and such utilities as Ohio Gas and Columbia Gas, were variably better, but failed to enlist any marked interest. Utah Copper led the metals to higher levels in the first half of the session, but sagged later despite the extra dividend declared on Miami Copper. Realizing was evident in the final hour, the lower trend coinciding with reports of the cancellation of war orders. Rails were uneven throughout, their course being in keeping with the many statements of November earnings, some of which showed decided losses in net earnings.

Total sales of stocks, 950,000 shares.

Weakness in marks featured the dealings in foreign remittances, the rate on Vienna declining sympathetically. International bonds were again irregular, with some improvement in domestic issues. Total sales (par value), $4,780,000.

(Furnished by Burdick Brothers, Limited)

Stocks—	High.	Low.	Close.
Allis Chalmers	28	27⅝	27⅝
Amn. Beet Sugar	94½	91	94¼
Amn. Sugar	111⅝	110	111⅝
Amn. Can. Co.	48	47¼	47⅞

Amn. Car Fdy.	67¼	66	66¼
Amn. Loco.	80½	79	79¼
Amn. Smelt.	105⅝	104½	104⅝
Amn. T. and T.	123⅛	123⅛	123⅝
Amn. Wool	46	45	45
Amn. Steel Fdy.	62⅛	62	62½
Amn. Zinc	39	38⅛	38⅛
Anaconda Mining	83⅝	82⅛	82¼
Agr. Chem.	90	90	90
Atchison	104⅝	104	104½
Atlantic Gulf	120¾	116½	117⅞
Baldwin Loco.	60½	59⅜	60⅜
Baltimore and Ohio	84½	84⅛	84⅜
Beth. Steel	510	510	510
Butte Sup.	48⅛	47⅛	47½
Canadian Pac.	165	162	162⅜
Cent. Leather	89¼	86⅝	87⅞
Crucible Steel	64⅝	63	63⅝
Ches. and Ohio	64½	64⅛	64⅛
Chicago G. W.	14	14	14
Chi., Mil. and St. P.	90½	90½	90½
Chi., R. I. and Pac.	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛
Chino Copper	55½	54½	55
Chile Copper	25⅜	25⅛	25¾
Corn Products	23½	22⅜	23
Distillers Sec.	32	31½	31½
Den. and Rio G.	41	41	41
Erie	34½	33⅝	34
do 1st pfd.	49¼	48⅞	48⅞
Gen. Elect.	166½	166¼	166¼
Goodrich	61	58⅝	58⅝
Great Nor. Ore.	36½	36¼	36⅜
Granby	90	89½	89⅝
Great Nor. pfd.	117⅝	117¼	117⅝
Hide and Leath. pfd.	66⅝	65⅝	66⅝
Inspiration Cop.	59⅝	58	58½
Int. Nickel	42¼	41⅝	42
Int. Mer. Marine	28⅛	25½	25⅞
do pfd.	89⅞	83½	84⅛
Interboro Transit	16⅝	..	..
Illinois Central	106⅝	106¼	106⅝
Kennecott Copper	46⅝	46	46⅝
Kan. City So.	25⅝	25⅞	25⅝
Lehigh Valley	78⅝	78⅜	78⅜
Lack Steel	86½	84½	85
Maxwell Motors	52	50	50½
Midvale Steel	62⅝	59½	61⅝
Mex. Petro.	96⅞	95	96
Miami Copper	41⅛	40½	41
Missouri Pacific	16½	15⅝	15½
Mo., Kas. and Texas	11	10⅝	10⅝
N. Y., N. H. and Hart	52	49⅞	51½
N. Y. Central	103⅝	102⅛	103
Norfolk and West.	135⅝	135	135¼
Northern Pac.	110	109⅝	109⅝
N. Y., Ont. and West.	29¼	29¼	29⅛
Nevada Cons.	24⅛	24	24
Pennsylvania R. R.	56⅝	56¼	56⅝
Pressed Steel Car	76⅝	75	75⅛
Reading	103⅝	102⅝	102⅝
Ray. Cons. Mining	26⅝	26	26⅝
Repub. Steel	79⅞	79	79
Southern Pac.	97⅝	97	97⅝
Southern Ry.	32½	32	32
Studebaker Corp.	105⅝	102⅝	103⅝
Sloss Sheffield	66	65⅛	66
Third Ave. Ry.	48⅝	48⅛	48⅛
The Texas Co.	238	230⅝	230⅝
Union Pacific	149	147⅛	148⅛
Utah Copper	105¼	103	103⅝
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	116½	112⅝	116
U. S. Rubber	63	62	62
U. S. Steel	110¼	108	109½
Virginia Chem.	43⅝	43⅛	43⅛
Western Union	95⅝	93⅝	95⅝
Wisconsin Cent.	53	52	52
Wabash RR. Co.	15⅝	15¼	15¼
Wabash RR. 'A'	57⅝	56⅞	56⅞
Willys Overland	36	35⅝	35⅛
Westinghouse Elect.	55⅝	54⅝	54⅞

WILL BE BUSY WEEK FOR PRODUCE MEN

Trade Does Not Suffer Following Cessation of Holiday Buying—Eggs Are Dearer

Following the inactivity on New Year's Day, movement was brisk in the Victoria wholesale market yesterday, and a similar condition will prevail throughout the week. No reactionary depression is predicted as a consequence of the heavy trade during the past two weeks. While local dealers were taxed almost to the limit in some commodities by holiday buyers, the demand was not so great as that of last year, and the usual course of business was not seriously interfered with.

As a result of the heavy buying during Christmas and New Year's week, eggs advanced in price yesterday and are now being wholesaled at 51 cents per dozen, as against 48 cents, the quotation for last week.

Exceptionally large shipments of oranges and lemons have been received during the past few days. Japanese oranges, particularly well suited for making marmalade, are being wholesaled at $2.25 per 50-pound box. They are pronounced to be better than the California variety and are destined to gain great popularity here when their merit has become more widely known. The present shipment is more or less an experiment, as practically none have reached the local market before. A new carload of California navels, considerably sweeter than the last consignment, reached the city yesterday, along with a big quantity of lemons. Both oranges and lemons are today about as cheap as they will ever be this season.

All kinds of green produce from California arrived in the city yesterday, cauliflowers, Brussels sprouts and sweet potatoes being much in evidence. The sweet potatoes, of exceptionally good quality, are finding a ready demand at $4.50 a crate and 5 cents a pound, in broken lots.

Retailers are buying produce at the following prices today:

Fruit

Apples—
King, No. 1, box 1.25
Jonathans, per box 1.75
Winesaps, box .... 1.75 to 2.25
Cooking, per box .... 75c to 1.00
Bananas, per lb. .... .05½
Cranberries, bbl. 12.50
Cranberries, lb. .... .15
Dates, 36 pkgs., in box 4.25
Figs, 10-lb. layer 1.55
Grapefruit, Cal. 3.00
Grapefruit, Florida, crate 7.50
Grapes, Almerias, keg 6.75
Lemons, Sunkist, extra fancy 4.00
Lemons, fancy 3.50
Oranges—
Navels, all sizes, box 3.00
Japanese, box .... .45
Pears, per box 1.75
Nuts—
Walnuts, California, lb. .... .22
Walnuts, in broken lots .... .23
Almonds .... .22
Almonds, in broken lots .... .23
Peanuts, green .... .13
Peanuts, roasted .... .15
Raisins, 5-lb. boxes .... .80
Raisins, 12-pound box 3.50
Fish—
Haddies, smoked .... .14
Kippers, smoked .... .08

Vegetables

Beets, per sack 2.00
Beans, green .... .05
Brussels sprouts, fresh California .... .15
Cabbage, per lb. .... .02
Carrots, new 1.00
Cauliflower, Cal. 1.75
Celery, doz. .... 1.25 to 1.50
Garlic, per lb. .... .15
Lettuce, head, per doz. .... .90
Lettuce, leaf, per crate 1.00
Onions, broken, per lb. .... .03½
Onions, per sack 2.75
Parsley, per doz. .... .40
Parsnips, per sack 1.50
Peppers, bell, per lb. .... .25
Popcorn, per lb. .... .06½
Potatoes, Highland 26.00
Potatoes, Ashcroft 35.00
Potatoes, sweet, per lb. .... .05
Radishes, per doz. .... .20
Turnips, yellow 1.00
Tomatoes, crate 3.00

Dairy Produce

Butter, local, lb. .... .47
Butter, fresh, Eastern, lb. .... .45
Eggs, local, fresh, doz. .... .51
Eggs, Alberta, storage, doz. .... .38
Cheese, Ontario, lb. .... .27

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

(Furnished by Wise & Company, Brokers)

Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ames	22⅛	..
do pfd	57	..
Brazilian T. and P.	46½	47
Canada Car	42⅛	43
do pfd	85	..
Canada Cement	63	..
do pfd	93	..
Can. Gen. Elect.	119½	..
Can. SS Co.	36½	36⅝
do pfd	92⅝	..
Can. Locomotive	66	..
Civic Power	81	..
Detroit United Ry.	127½	..
Dom. Steel Corp.	66½	66⅝
Dom. Textile	80½	..
Laurentide	193	..
Lake of Woods	130	..
Macdonald Co.	13	..
Montreal Tramways	40½	..
Nova Scotia Steel	122½	..
Ogilvie Milling	140	..
do pfd	..	70
Quebec Railway	33½	34
Riordan	119½	120
Shawinigan	129	..
Smelters	33	33½
Spanish River	17½	18
Steel Co. of Canada	67	67½
do pfd	100	..
Toronto Ry.	78½	78⅝

MONTREAL PRODUCE

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—Butter and cheese quiet but firm. The demand for eggs is fair.

Cheese—Finest westerns 25; finest easterns 24.

Butter—Choicest creamery, 43 to 43½; seconds 40 to 41.

Eggs—Fresh 60; selected 42 to 43; No. 1 stock 38 to 39.

Pork—Heavy Canada short mess 39 to 40. Canada short cut back, 37 to 38.

Dr. Ford Verrinder, dentist, has resumed practice, 308 Campbell Building. Phone 3577.

Department of the Naval Service

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE OF CANADA

THE next examination for the entry of Naval Cadets will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1917, successful candidates joining the College on or about August 1. Applications for entry will be received up to the 15th April by the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can now be obtained.

Candidates for the examination in May next must be between the ages of fourteen and sixteen on the 1st July, 1917.

Further details can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

G. J. DESBARATS, C.M.G.,
Deputy Minister of the Naval Service.
Department of the Naval Service,
Ottawa, November 28, 1916.
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Arthur Hemingway

Auction Sale of Dairy Cattle

Instructed by D. Blythe, who is disposing of his milk business, I will sell by public auction at his ranch, The Uplands Dairy, Bay Road,

Tomorrow, Jan. 4
1:30 p.m.

Thirty-One Head of Choice Dairy Cattle, and Milk Business

Including Jerseys, Grade Jerseys, Grade Ayrshires, Grade Shorthorns, Holsteins, etc.; also two-year-old Holstein Bull.

There are seven Cows, fresh latter part of November and December, four others due in January, twelve are due in February, March and April, balance other dates.

All cattle are exceptionally good animals, in fine condition; young, none over five years, government tested. All are the product of careful selection of high class milk cows. Majority give very high percentage of butter fat; also the milk business, with a twenty-one gallon delivery.

Sale commences 1:30 p.m. sharp. Take Uplands car to terminus, then half-mile west, on Bay Road.

Further particulars, apply

A. HEMINGWAY, Auctioneer
Phone 3484 City Market Auction

RED CROSS SOCIETY'S WORK IN DECEMBER

Gratifying Report Just Issued Shows That Local Organization's Efforts Are Being Well Supported.

The report of the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society for December, for the period from the 1st to the 27th, is as follows:

Receipts, cash; monthly—Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, $500; Sooke Women's Patriotic Guild, $10; D. F. Angus, $25; Judge Gregory, $5; Miss Mazarell, 25c.; Mrs. Solly, $5; Miss Pauline Lange (Jan. and Feb.), $10; G. H. Aylard, $50; W. W. (Nov. and Dec.), $2; "Superfluities," November, $341.55; "Superfluities," December, $357.70. Sub. Committees—Sidney, $100; Oak Bay, $450; Esquimalt, $226; North Cowichan District Committee (Duncan), $100; Cumberland Red Cross Society, $231; Port Alberni Patriotic Society, $4; Lake Hill Women's Institute, $50; Shawnigan and Cobble Hill Women's Institute, $14.20; Shawnigan and Cobble Hill Women's Institute Christmas Fair, per Miss Edith Ravenhill, $181.15; West Saanich Women's Institute, proceeds of bazaar, per Mrs. Parcell, $60; Chapters I.O.D.E.—The Colonies, Salt Spring Island, $60; The "Lady Franklin," $50. For British Red Cross—E. M. Sanderlands (Skidegate), $73.35; Queen Charlotte City, $190.15; Jedway, $45.50; Lockport and Pacofi, $16; Massett, $50; Telegraph Creek, $105; Rock Bay, $50. By sales—War lyrics, 25c.; rags, $2; Miss S. Y. Thornton, $3.60; To the memory of a son who has paid the price, $100; St. Ann's Academy, pupils of Miss Mylen, $10; Royal Victoria Yacht Club, $20; Aged Women's Home, $15; Red and Blue Cross Flower Guild, $30; Bank of B. N. A. staff, $23.50; J. H. Tonkin (wolf bounty), $15; Mrs. Kenedy, sale of music, $1.50; Mrs. McAlpine, $5; F. W. Thomas, $5; Rocky Point, $3; G. T. Mercer, $1; Anonymous, $2; Miss M. M. Wooldridge, $5; Mrs. Constance Wright, $4; Mrs. McConnell, $2; H. L. Smith, $25; F. Wilson Harvey, $1; W. Worthington, $2; H. Shuttleworth, $5; Mrs. H. Palliser, $2; Mrs. D. R. Haggart, $1; Master Hugh Sheret (proceeds of concert), $2.75; Miss Flora Macrae, $5; Thos. Scott, $2; Wm. Lotman, $5; Lady Crease, $5. Raffles—Cake donated by Northern Pacific Dining Car, per Mr. H. K. Prior, $133.95; tea cloth, donated by Miss Robinson, $25; Yoke, $3; brooch, balance, $1.75. Total, $3,380.15.

The appeal recently made for cash, and gifts to fill the Comfort Bags so urgently in demand for our men who, after an engagement, find themselves in hospital and bereft of all their belongings has been most generously responded to, and contributions continue to flow in.

For Comfort Bags—Cash has been received to date as follows: Miss Mara, $3; Mrs. W. F. Pendray, $3; Mrs. Solly, $3; Miss Jones, 50c.; Anonymous, $1; Mrs. A. Sutherland, $2; Mrs. Becktor, $3; Mrs. Creed, $3; Lady Crease, $6; Miss Meyer, $6; Mrs. W. Higgins, $6; Ladies of the 143rd Battalion, C.E.F., per Mrs. Bruce Powley, $20; Miss Jeffrey, $3; Mrs. Oldfield, $3; Mrs. F. S. Barnard, $9; Miss Edith Ravenhill, $1; Mrs. F. G. Holmes, $3; Ladies' Club of the New Thought Temple, $15; masters and boarders, University School, $50; Miss Cooksey, $5; Mrs. D. Holmes, $6; Mrs. Forbes, $3; Lady Emily Walker, $1.80; J. P. Babcock, $3; Mrs. Lawson, $3; Mrs. N. Tobin, $3; Mrs. von Rosenfeldt, 28c.; Jessie Woodson, $7; Miss Angus, $3; Mrs. Gedsun, $1; Mrs. Schofield, $1; Mrs. McTavish, $3; Mrs. M. G. Lewthwaite, $6; Mrs. Chadwick, $2; Mrs. G. F. Taylor, $2; Anonymous, $1; Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen, $5; Mrs. Heisterman, $1; Anonymous, $1; Mrs. C. F. Todd, $10; B.B.K.C. (per Miss L. Hennifer), $3; Willows Camp Chapter, I. O. D. E., $18; Mrs. Hardie, $3; Mrs. Alex. Robinson, $3; Miss Esam, $1; Mrs. A. D. Carr, 75c.; Mrs. Wilders, $1.50 Mrs. Abbeys' committee, $4; Mrs. Crawford, $6.75; Craigflower School, 1st Division, $2; H. D. Tooker, $1; Miss Catherine Fatt, $2.66; Mrs. Hatch, $6. Total, $261.24.

Complete Comfort Bags have been furnished by the following ladies: Mrs. Ker, 1; Mrs. W. J. Pendray, 2; Mrs. Troup, 2; Mrs. Helmcken, 3; Mrs. Burton, 1; Miss McDowell, 1; Mrs. Crotty, 1; Mrs. Lennox, 1; Mrs. G. T. Fox, 1; Miss Little, 1; Mrs. Moir, 1; Miss O'Conner, 1; S. A. R. Club, 4; Mrs. Dunsford, 1; Seattle Red Cross Helpers, 5; Mrs. G. F. Fox and Miss Newcombe, 1; Mrs. C. Williams, 1; Mrs. L. Spencer, 1; Mrs. Monteith, 1; Mr. Fox, 1; Mrs. M. J. Kirkpatrick, 1; Miss Mess, 1; Mrs. Minnie's Red Cross Class, 5; Mrs. Parker Hibben, 1; Miss D. Miller, 1; Mrs. Crossan, 1; Mrs. Bowes, 1; Miss Dawson, 1; Miss Thomas, 1; Mrs. D. McFarlane, 1; Mrs. Wilkins, 1; Miss Sissons, 1; Washington Avenue Ladies, 1; Mrs. Cheetham, 1; Mrs. von Rosenfeldt, 3. James Bay, per Mrs. D. Harris, 7; Miss Peggy Murdock, 1; Mrs. Clarkson, 7; Miss Mesher, 1; Oak Bay, 107; West Saanich Women's Institute, 7; Gorge Road F. A., 6; Langford Women's Institute, 3; Victoria West, 14.

Corfort Bags, donations in kind, from Dr. Hasell, Mrs. Rowley, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Pattison, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Tate, Mrs. P. R. Brown, Mrs. J. D. Angus, Mrs. Burton, Mrs. A. G. Peatt, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Nicol, Mrs. Wadell, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Gallaher, Mrs. Luxton, a little girl, Anon., Mrs. Howell, Miss Pim, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Mrs. Bridgeman, Miss H. Newcombe, Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Yorke, Mrs. Ashdown, Mrs. Jack Wolfenden, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Miss Hall, Mr. Dee, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. James Petticrew, Mrs. E. M. Harris, Mrs. W. G. Cameron, Mrs. W. J. Roper, Mrs. T. S. Kennedy, Mrs. Bick, Mrs. Mallett, Miss Heyland, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Jenner, Miss Thom, Miss Russell, Mrs. T. E. Stevens, Miss Bell, 1st Division, Craigflower School, Miss Elliott; Mrs. McLaren, Mr. Bardon. General donations have been received from the following: Florence Nightingale Chapter, 14 day shirts, 1 surgical shirt; Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter, 11 surgical shirts, 10 pairs slippers; The Alberni Women's Patriotic Society, 84 pillow cases, 36 towels, 7 bed shirts, 3 helpless case shirts, 3 pajamas, 2 pairs slippers, 46 bandages; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 40 pairs socks; Chemainus, per Mrs. Halked, 93 pairs socks; Miss Gordon Everet, Wash., 1 cushion; Union Bay Red Cross, 13 pajamas, 12 shirts, 48 property bags, 48 hot water bag covers, 9 pairs socks; 48 pairs socks, the result of whist drive held at members houses Ladies' Auxiliary of the St. Andrew's Caledonian Society, socks, mits, etc., from Mrs. Ham, Mrs. Ringshaw, Miss Angus, Miss Russel Francis Davis, Miss Widdowson, Mrs. G. F. Johnstone, Mrs. Farnham, Forest Grove; Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Minnes, Mr. M. A. McDonald, Mrs. Nash, Mrs. McLennon, Mrs. F. S. Barnard, Miss Turner, Mrs. C. Hellar, Y.W.C.A., Miss Croisdale, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Symonds.

Supplies received from Red Cross committees (December): Oak Bay, 33 pair pajamas, 53 day shirts, 20 surgical shirts, 4 convalescent suits, 2 dressing gowns, 49 pairs socks, 3 scarfs, 107 filled comfort bags; Esquimalt, 84 pajamas, 30 day shirts, 18 surgical shirts, 132 bandages, 27 pairs socks, 17 pairs bed socks, 2 sweaters, 14 scarves, 5 caps, 12 hot water bottle covers; North Cowichan, 20 pairs pajamas, 24 day shirts, 7 surgical shirts, 14 pairs ward slippers, 32 property bags, 96 bandages, 1 cap, 1 scarf, 61 pairs socks; Sidney, 31 convalescent suits, 14 dressing gowns, 24 surgical shirts, 140 bandages, 10 property bags, 12 pairs socks; Metchosin, 6 pairs pajamas, 5 day shirts, 17 bandages, 2 wash cloths, 8 pairs socks; Garden City, 28 pairs pajamas, 28 day shirts, 13 pairs pajamas, 28 day shirts, 13 pairs socks; Saanichton, 13 pairs pajamas, 14 day shirts, 22 surgical shirts, 2 convalescent shirts 283 bandages, 48 property bags, 10 hot water bag covers, 2 pairs wristlets, 30 pairs socks, 11 pillow cases; West Saanich Women's Institute, Red Cross, 2 pairs pajamas, 3 day shirts, 1 surgical shirt, 124 bandages, 12 pairs socks, 3 day shirts, 1 surgical shirt, 124 bandages, 12 pairs socks, 1 sweater; Lake Hill Women's Institute, Red Cross, 10 pairs pajamas, 11 surgical shirts, 1 day shirt, 34 bandages, 13 pairs socks, 1 scarf; Langford Women's Institute, Red Cross, 7 pairs pajamas, 19 surgical shirts, 12 hot water bag covers, 24 property bags, 11 caps, 1 scarf, 15 pairs socks, 3 wash cloths; Colwood Red Cross, 2 pairs pajamas, 4 day shirts, 3 surgical shirts, 3 scarves, 6 pairs socks; Gordon Head and Mount Tolmie, 1 pajama, 3 day shirts, 8 surgical shirts, 45 bandages, 12 property bags, 18 comfort bags, 3 operation stockings, 4 caps, 21 pairs socks, 5 pairs mitts, 6 pairs bed socks, 2 sweaters, 3 scarves; Cloverdale, 48 pajamas, 39 day shirts, 3 surgical shirts, 26 bandages, 4 kit bags, 2 convalescent suits, 12 wash cloths, 2 caps, 2 scarves, 24 pairs socks; Elk Lake Red Cross Sewing Class, 7 surgical shirts, 68 bandages, 8 pairs socks, 2 pairs bed socks, 1 scarf, 1 sweater; Gorge Road, per Mrs. Abbey, 19 pairs pajamas, 5 surgical shirts, 14 day shirts, 24 pairs socks; Albert Head, 27 pairs pajamas, 20 day shirts, 23 surgical shirts, 49 bandages, 11 pairs socks, 1 pair bed socks, 6 pairs mitts; Sooke Women's Patriotic Society, 3 pajamas, 4 day shirts, 7 surgical shirts, 15 pairs socks; Mount Tolmie, 12 pairs pajamas, 12 day shirts, 6 surgical shirts, 72 bandages, 25 pairs socks; Victoria West, 28 pairs pajamas, 6 day shirts, 67 bandages, 1 pair wristlets, 2 scarves, 8 sweaters, 1 dressing gown, 25 pairs socks, 14 filled comfort bags; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Red Cross workers, 39 pairs pajamas, 40 pairs socks, 12 pairs bed socks, 15 bandages; W. M. S., First Presbyterian Church, 10 pairs pajamas, 6 day shirts, 12 surgical shirts, 116 bandages, 37 pairs socks; Wilkinson Road Methodist Church, 6 pairs pajamas, 9 day shirts, 5 surgical shirts, 2 convalescent shirts, 3 pairs wristlets, 3 sweaters, 8 pairs socks; Fairfield Bible Class, 11 bandages; Y. L. B. C., First Presbyterian Church, 12 bandages, 2 operating stockings; Knox Ladies' Aid, 2 surgical shirts, 12 bandages, 3 pairs socks; Berean Bible Class, 2 pairs pajamas, 5 surgical shirts, 12 bandages; Metropolitan Ladies' Aid, 3 pairs pajamas, 13 surgical shirts, 3 dressing gowns, 60 bandages, 41 pairs socks, 3 wash cloths; Metropolitan Young Women's Club, 5 pairs pajamas, 3 pairs socks; James Bay Methodist, 4 pairs pajamas, 3 day shirts, 12 bandages, 2 pairs socks; Centennial Methodist Church, 5 bandages, 1 pair operation stockings; Gorge R. F. A., 19 pairs pajamas, 15 day shirts, 5 surgical shirts, 36 comfort bags, 72 bandages, 1 convalescent suit, 8 sweaters, 12 hot water bag covers, 24 property bags, 47 pairs socks; W. A. R., 8 bandages, 6 property bags; Swastika Club, 1 surgical shirt, 2 pairs socks, 56 bandages, 3 scarves; Madam Webb's Red Cross Sewing Class, 3 pairs pajamas, 2 pairs socks; S. A. R. Club, 7 pairs socks, 1 sweater; Mrs. Minnie's Red Cross Class, 9 pairs socks, 20 scarves, 23 pairs wristlets, 17 caps, 2 pairs bed socks; D. S. O. Club, 19 bandages, 5 operation stockings, 4 pairs socks; Y. W. C. A., 3 sweaters, 3 scarves, 1 pair mitts; Business Girls' Club, Red Cross Class, 18 bandages, 6 pairs socks; Domestic Science Class, Girls' Central, 6 pairs bed socks, 2 pairs mitts, 1 scarf; South Park, 30 scarves, 1 pair mitts; Victoria West, 5 scarves, 4 pairs mitts.

One hundred and twenty-nine cases have been dispatched during the month. The auxiliary workrooms supplied 117 shirts during December, and in response to the urgent necessity of sustaining and augmenting the work, Mrs. G. H. Barnard and Miss Ferris have decided to re-open these rooms daily after the New Year.

Several more machines have been secured for service at the Temple Building; and volunteers are needed daily willing to use these, as the machining is an important item in the class of supplies at present being turned out in such large and necessary quantities for the ever increasing hospital requirements. Coupled with the heartiest of thanks for the splendid help rendered in every branch of the Red Cross activities is the earnest hope that the hands of the workers may be continuously strengthened by the faithfully renewed efforts and increased numbers both in committee and in voluntary aid.

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WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

WINNIPEG, Jan. 2.—Wheat closed 4½c higher for May and July at 179Z, ¾c under the opening. May oats were up 1c, flax gained 2c, while barley was unchanged.

After the early burst the wheat trade died away and the volume for the day was light. The business was mostly in the hands of the floor crowd. Exporting parties disclaim any business, while the best interest preferred to remain aloof from the market. There was little wheat on offer until May showed a six cent advance, when profit-taking stopped prices. The news of Germany's preparatioen for submarine warfare caused a break of two cents in all markets, but prices rallied to show a good advance at the close. Sentiment is growing more bullish. The cash market had a very quiet day. Demand for wheat was limited and the offerings small. Oats were firmer, with practically nothing for sale.

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
May	181-183½	184
July	180½	179⅝
Oats—		
May	59	59⅝
Barley—		
May	—	101
Flax—		
May	269	270

Cash prices: Wheat—1 Nor., 177½; 2 Nor., 174½; 3 Nor., 169½; No. 4, 156½; No. 5, 136; feed, 90.

NEW YORK CURB PRICES

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Stocks—	Bid.	Asked.
Ariz. Copperfields	½	¾
Can. Copper	1⅝	1⅞
Crown Reserve	40	45
Em. Phone	9⅝	10
Goldfield	50	60
Hecla	7¼	7⅝
Hedley Gold	20	24
Hollinger	6⅛	7
Howe Sound	7⅝	8
Kerr Lake	4⅝	5
Emma Copper	1⅝	2
Green Monster	2	2⅝
Jerome Verde	1⅝	1⅞
Big Ledge	4⅛	4½
Inspiration Needles	⅝	⅞
La Rose	56	60
Magma	41	43
Midvale	59½	60
Mines of Ama.	2	2¼
Nipissing	9	9⅛
Standard Lead	1¼	1⅝
Stewart	20	25
Submarine	21	28
Success	45	50
Tonopah	54	56
do Belm.	4	4⅝
Yukon	2	2¼
United Verde	38	39
Tonopah Exten.	4¼	4⅝
Mason Valley	5¾	6¼

We thank you one and all for your generous support and patronage during 1916. Wishing you all a happy and prosperous Xmas and New Year. Young's Studio, 502 Union Bank.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISION MARKET

(Furnished by Wise & Company, Brokers)

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	1.79	1.81¼	1.75½	1.80¼
July	1.46	1.47⅝	1.43	1.46⅝
Corn—				
May	.94	.95⅝	.93½	.95
July	.93½	.94⅝	.93	.94
Oats—				
May	.55	.55½	.54½	.55½
July	.52⅝	.52⅝	.51⅝	.52⅝

Metal Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Lead, $7.50@$7.62; spelter dull; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 9¾. At London: Lead, £30 10s.; spelter, £50 5s. Copper dull; electrolytic, first, second and third quarters, $28.50@$32.50, nominal. Iron firm; No. 1 Nor., $31.50@$32.50; No. 2, $31@$32; No. 1 Sou., $29.50@$30; No. 2, $29@$29.50. Tin strong; spot, $42.25@$43. At London: Spot copper, £133 10s.; futures not quoted; electrolytic, £145; spot tin, £182 5s.; futures, £184.

DRAWING POSTPONED

Red Cross Superfluities Raffle Deferred Owing to Pantomime Production

It is announced that the Red Cross Superfluities sale shop in the Belmont Block, which has been closed during the Christmas and New Year holidays, will be open again for business either today or tomorrow, when it is expected that Miss Fitzgibbon, who has been not at all well for the past few days, will be able to resume charge.

Owing to the great rush of work in connection with last week's production of the pantomime "Puss-in-Boots," which has been quite a strain on the time and energies of all those who so kindly gave their services in the good cause, it was found to be utterly impossible to hold the drawing set for December 26 for the Superfluities Christmas raffle, in connection with which there are 20 prizes to be given. It was, therefore, decided to defer the drawing until about the middle of January, the exact date of which will be duly advertised in the course of a day or two.

In the meantime, tickets, which are being sold for ten cents each, will be on sale up to the date of the drawing and as the whole of the proceeds will go to the Red Cross Fund it is hoped that everyone will do his or her share towards making the affair a success. As already announced, the toy motor car, the drawing for which took place on December 20, was won by Mr. Curtiss, of Oak Bay (ticket No. 55).

The Great West Permanent Loan Company

DIVIDEND NO. 28

Notice Is Hereby Given that the Directors of the Great West Permanent Loan Company have declared the Twenty-eighth Half-yearly Dividend on the Fully-paid Capital Stock of the Company, being at the rate of eight per cent per annum. The same will be payable at the office of the Company, 616 View Street, on and after January 4th, 1917.

R. W. PERRY, Branch Manager.
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A public meeting under the auspices of the Civic Retrenchment Association will be held in the old Victoria Theatre on Thursday, the 4th of January.

The Chair will be taken by the President of the Association, Mr. F. J. O'Reilly, at 8 o'clock sharp, when Messrs. Porter and Todd, the Mayoralty candidates, who have signified their intentions to be present, will be requested to give their views upon the following questions:

Civic Retrenchment Association

1. In view of the fact that, according to the Comptroller's statement, the Civic Taxes are some $2,365,000 in arrears, by what means do you propose to overcome this deficiency?
2. Will you advocate having a new assessment of the city made on a basis of population? Many of the important cities of the continent are so assessed, and it would appear to be a reasonbale way. If not, what other basis would you suggest?
3. Would you advocate a city census being taken, so that an assessment upon the basis of population could be arrived at?
4. Will you advocate having balance sheets of the city's finances for the years 1913, '14, '15, '16 prepared by the Auditor and Comptroller, and published in the local press and submitted to some recognized authorities on civic finances, in order to arrive at a solution of the difficult position of the taxpayers?
5. What method do you propose to advocate in dealing with delinquent taxes?
6. Will you advocate the question of revising the Municipal Act so as to rehabilitate the status of property owners in the protection they are entitled to?
7. What expenses were incurred by the city this year in connection with the Union of Municipalities?
8. If elected, will you advocate that no amendment affecting the City of Victoria be proposed to the Legislative Assembly by the Union of Municipalities, without the knowledge of the ratepayers?
9. If elected as Mayor, will you pledge yourself to the strictest economy in municipal affairs, such as you would use in your own business?

All ratepayers and members of this Association are invited to be present.

LOCAL SHIPPING MEN LEAVE FOR OVERSEAS

Big Send-Off Is Given Draft of Inland Water Transport Unit of Royal Engineers at Local Headquarters.

A great crowd of friends and acquaintances gathered at the local recruiting headquarters of the Inland Water Transport unit of the Royal Engineers, 1205 Broad Street, last night to bid God-speed and a safe return to the thirteen members who constituted the draft which left on the night boat for Vancouver.

They will proceed to the East, bound overseas, in a draft of 100 other well-known masters, mates and engineers which Captain P. F. Scharshmidt has recruited, and when it is considered that only last Thursday a draft of sixty men was sent forward from Vancouver, it will be realized what a wonderful success this unit has had in securing men from among the members of British Columbia's shipping class. It is expected that another draft of men will leave Victoria in the course of a few days.

Those leaving last night included Peter Dryborough, mate; W. A. Stevens, motor mechanic; H. R. Davies, boatman; W. H. Knowles, boatman; J. W. Waite, boatman; A. H. Hawthornthwaite, boatman; M. L. Evans, master mariner; P. R. Bodkin, motor boatman; F. A. Waller, mate; F. H. Colam, motor boatman; R. T. Heselwood, motor boatman; J. E. McDonald, master mariner, and C. C. Cochran.

Capt. W. A. Stevens was an owner and operator of gasoline launches and towboats at Port Alberni and on the west coast. He was in charge of transportation on the Canal for the Canadian Northern Railway, having looked after the transporting of all the men and material for the company during construction. He took an active part in forming the Port Albernia Home Guard in 1914, in which he was appointed lieutenant on March 2, 1915. It will be remembered that Capt. Stevens figured prominently in the incidents surrounding the arrival of the Japanese steamer Komagata Maru in June, 1914, he having intercepted her twelve miles off Cape Beale in the interests of Sirdar Singh and the Sikh doctor associated with him in the enterprise of bringing a shipload of Hindus to Canada.

Harry Knowles is another member of the draft who is particularly well known locally. He was engineer in charge of the Bamfield cable station for five years, and was recently second engineer on the SS. Salvor, of the B.C. Salvage Company, in her salvage mission in connection with the steamer Bear off the coast of California last Summer.

Doctor Raynor's civilian field ambulance class, of which Peter Dryborough was a member, turned out in a body to give expression to their feelings of regret at his departure and express the hope that he would return safe and well. There were about twenty-five members of this organization present. Mr. Dryborough joined the class when it was formed some two months ago and gained some good experience from the drills and lectures that have been held. The idea of the organization is to give the men who wish to go overseas in the Field Ambulance a preparatory training and for those who cannot get away or go overseas in other branches of the service the training is always useful. It might be mentioned here that the class intends to give a public demonstration of its work during the present month, when squads composed of its members will compete in drilling and bandaging, etc.

WILL NOT LOAD GRAIN

Bark Gen de Negrier May Be Offered for Lumber to Antipodes

One free ship on the Pacific Coast that is available for grain loading and has been reported as offering for barley, the French bark Gen de Negrier, is finding no bidders, regardless of the scramble for tonnage, the reason assigned being that war risks to the United Kingdom are too high. She has been at San Francisco since December 5, when she arrived from Mejillones and twice has been announced as about to be placed on the berth for the war zone and withdrawn both times.

It is said now the vessel's owners may accept a lumber engagement from the North Pacific Coast to Australia and there loan grain for South America. She could trade in the Pacific for some time and the probabilities are efforts will be put forth to close for lumber.

Funeral of Late Minister

MONTREAL, Jan. 2—The funeral services of Hon. Thomas Chase Casgrain, late postmaster-general of Canada, took place this morning. The last rites were attended by leaders of the public, professional and business life of the whole country. The Governor-General, the Federal and Provincial Cabinets, the Post Office Department, the local bar, the Bank of Montreal and countless local financial institutions were represented by delegations. Post Office employees were present in a body, a delegation of some 300 strong coming up from Quebec city for the occasion.

Burglar Foiled

CHICAGO, Jan. 2—A burglar who entered the Lake Shore Drive home of John Borden, millionaire Arctic explorer, early today, was frightened away by Mrs. Borden before he gained access to a jewel case containing gems valued at $25,000.

Until further notice—F. L. Haynes will carry on business as usual at 1134 Government Street. His numerous customers will be notified through the press as soon as new premises have been located.

SOUTH VANCOUVER NEEDS ASSISTANCE

Financial Difficulties Necessitate Its Appeal to Government—Other Municipalities Have Entered Protests.

South Vancouver carried its financial troubles to the Government yesterday afternoon, when a deputation representing the municipal council waited upon the executive and urged some form of immediate aid, in the way of a Government guarantee of bonds to tide them over existing difficulties; suggested a Government commission to take charge until the financial horizon clears, and also to act as intermediaries between Vancouver City and the municipality to bring about annexation. There was also a citizens' deputation present which roundly criticized the administration of the present and past councils, and urged Government control until conditions were righted.

That South Vancouver's request for financial assistance was not in line with the opinion of governing bodies of other municipalities was stated by Premier Brewster, who said the Government has been in receipt of numerous protests against the principle of Government financial assistance to municipalities.

The municipal deputation, which was introduced by Mr. J. W. Weart, M.P.P., was composed of Reeve Winram, Councillors Gramett, Mengel and Grant, Clerk Springford and Solicitor Donaghy. The citizens' delegation included Messrs. Allen, Burke and McBride.

The existing financial situation in South Vancouver was outlined by Reeve Winram, who stated "we have an over-taxed, over-assessed people"; that assessments must be reduced from two and one-half to three millions this year, and that this heavy assessment is carried upon a purely residential community, there being practically no industrial concerns and what property might be called business property is, if anything, a little poorer than residential. Last year's tax levy had been cut by $54,700 to $657,000, and, perhaps, a further cut this year to $600,000 could be made, but it would be impossible to collect this latter amount, for "we have a lot of broke property owners, and we can't compile a list of ten delinquent owners who can be sued for arrears."

Reeve Winram declared Vancouver was making a mistake in attempting to prevent annexation. South Vancouver, from every standpoint, should be part of the city, but conditions in the latter at present were not rosy, and naturally Vancouver was not anxious at present to take its neighbor in.

Question of Finances

Mr. Donaghy, solicitor for the municipality, believed the whole situation revolved on one point, the question of money. It was clear the municipality could not proceed without defaulting in April next on its interest payments and being sued on ordinary liabilities within the next thirty days unless some relief were obtained. Last year South Vancouver came to the Legislature, but fortunately it then had a slight reserve, some $140,000 borrowed on debentures passed for road improvement. Authority was secured to divert that amount temporarily to purposes of general administration, but the special act then secured required the municipality to restore it out of taxes collected. "Needless to state," Mr. Donaghy remarked, "we are unable to restore a single penny."

It was generally recognized, Mr. Donaghy said, by the ratepayers that the Government should not be expected to advance funds unless it had full control of the disbursement thereof, and what change in municipal administration would be necessary, were the Government to come to the municipality's relief in a financial way, he could not say, but it had been suggested that a commission, vested with full powers, might be appointed and the municipal council, trustees and police commissioners step down and out. Or the council might be elected and act under supervision of the Government commissioner. But how a municipal election could be avoided under the existing regulations he could not say, as there was no way in which a municipality can surrender its charter until its obligations are first satisfied, and no request was being made to the Government to satisfy those obligations which, in the case of South Vancouver, amounted to some six millions. The only method he could suggest was for the new council to be elected and to mark time until the Legislature could pass an act appointing a commission with necessary powers.

Councillor Mengel pointed out that in the interim the municipality must look to the Government for assistance; that after all South Vancouver was in no very different position from other municipalities.

"Do you suggest we will have a visit from all of them," queried Premier Brewster amid laughter.

Councillor Mengel pointed to the present abnormal times, insisted the position of the municipality was substantially a sound one, and the present difficulties were merely temporary. If they could be met there would be no difficulty in tiding over until better times. The Government, he understood, had some idea of ultimately amalgamating the various municipalities on the Burrard peninsula. Such a scheme would, undoubtedly, prove the only satisfactory solution of the difficulties confronting them.

In that case all South Vancouver desired was some interim relief until the larger scheme were worked out. He stated the law relieving soldiers and dependants from payment of taxes had increased the financial difficulties.

Hon. John Oliver: Are you getting in taxes from the people who have not gone to the front?"

Titles in Doubt

Councillor Mengel revised his statement anent the soldiers, and stated it was the large property owners who have not been meeting their tax payments and Clerk Springford interpolated with the remark that the soldiers have been paying, but the trouble had been that, under the recent legislation, there was doubt as to whether, if the municipality sold property for taxes, it could give title.

Councillor Mengel declared that for the Government to appoint a commissioner an administrator was another way of naming a liquidator, and South Vancouver was a long way from insolvency. But a commissioner to supervise the expenditures would be, perhaps, wise, the people to be permitted to appoint two others to assist the Government appointee.

"Would that not be an absurdity for the Government to name a man over the heads of the electors," inquired Hon. Mr. Oliver. "It would mean you have no men who are capable of administering your own affairs."

Councillor Mengel: "No, I don't admit that. What we suggest is that you appoint a supervisor of expenditures.

"It would be absurd for us to appoint a commissioner unless he had supreme power over expenditure," interjected Hon. Ralph Smith.

Premier Brewster suggested the delegation be specific and state what it meant by "a little assistance."

Councillor Gramett explained that on April 1 there will be $102,000 to meet in London, and some $40,000 interest charge; over $60,000 in outstanding accounts, and $240,000 owing to the Bank of Commerce for advances against arrears of taxes, and there is not $5,000 in the bank to meet these imperative liabilities. The bank wanted its money, and the municipality "is bled and you can't get more." Admitting he had been called the pessimist of the council, Councillor Gramett predicted a further decline in tax collections.

Mr. Robert McBride, as a representative of the citizens' committee, urged the Government to take full control of the municipality's affairs; he stated the prodigality of previous councils; criticized the late Conservative administration for changing the Municipal Act so that the rights of property owners were overcome by the voice of a "floating" population, and asserted he knew of many owners who would rather give their property to the municipality than go on paying taxes. He was certain if the Government would step in, straighten out affairs and restore some sort of financial order the time would soon come when Vancouver City would be glad to annex its neighbor. But, he declared, it would be useless for the Government to guarantee bonds and allow the "same crowd" to handle the money that "squandered six or eight millions already." He cited several instances of alleged municipal incompetency, notably the excessive cost of the Main street pavement.

Government Control

Mr. William Allen, also of the Citizens' Committee, advocated full Government control, without any council. That was the sentiment of the average ratepayer.

Hon. Mr. Oliver—Disincorporate them and pay the bill. Is that it?"

"Yes, until we can be annexed to Vancouver," replied Mr. Allen.

Mr. G. G. McGeer, M.P.P., acknowledging there existed a serious situation and that it was partly due to bad management, pointed, however, to the situation of South Vancouver as the workingmen's residential section of Vancouver City which benefitted from the growth of the outlying sections and, as contributing to those benefits, South Vancouver was entitled to participate in them. He judged from the campaign waged by The News-Advertiser that were the question of annexation to be brought up now it would not succeed. At present there were difficulties in the way of annexation. Vancouver insisted that South Vancouver must come in on the same basis as other sections which had been absorbed and then, too, the question of the B.C. Electric franchise for forty years, was a point to be considered. But Mr. McGeer believed the Government could very well step in as an intermediary between Vancouver City and South Vancouver and seek to bring about annexation. It would at least get into full touch with the question, and at the next session legislation to cover the situation as the Government saw it could be drafted with full understanding of the position. But he felt that such a step would result in an amicable annexation arrangement.

Attorney-General Macdonald: "Why cannot the two municipalities get together."

Mr. McGeer stated there were a number of matters involved which would require legislation, and the Government could act free from "sinister influences" which the municipal councils would be faced with.

It was quite possible, Municipal Clerk Springford believed, for the South Vancouver council to make ends meet were immediate liabilities taken care of. It was possible to reduce the tax levy to $575,000, and on a 37-mill rate to meet requirements, provided immediate demands could be satisfied.

Mr. J. W. Weart, M.P.P., believed that if some assurance were given to the bank or council by the Government that the latter would at the next session, if annexation does not result, put through a measure providing for the Government taking control, affairs could be tided over without any money aid.

A Guarantee

"That means a Government guarantee to the bank," inquired Mr. Springford.

Mr. Weart admitted the situation is serious. Vancouver City owed a moral obligation to South Vancouver as a part of that city, but he realized it was impossible to take the city by the throat. He argued that South Vancouver is not in the same position with Hastings townsite when the latter was annexed; he scored the Bowser Government for its action in enforcing a school act which duplicated outlays and urged that the present Government "clip the wings of the trustees" in the Province and place full control of school expenditures in the hands of the municipal councils. He believed annexation could be arranged, and he suggested an amendment to the Municipal Act whereby Vancouver City could, by resolution of council, take in South Vancouver "holus bolus" without the necessity of any petition by residents of South Vancouver as at present required and which cannot be got.

Premier Brewster, in answering the deputations, stated the Government realized the position and its extended ramifications. He stated that the press reports of the effort being made by South Vancouver to secure financial assistance from the Government had induced several other municipalities to forward resolutions protesting against any such action. He promised, however, to give the request every consideration, and shortly to announce the action the Government would take. The situation of South Vancouver was, he stated, an object lesson in municipal government. The government must act, if it acted at all, in such fashion as to clean up the situation for all time.

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All French and Velvet Suits Greatly Reduced

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Striped and Floral Mulls—Also Tub Silks, Today, a Yard

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Striped and Floral Mulls, in self colors of sky, saxe, navy, brown, pink, maize, white and black. All 40 inches wide, and specially priced for the January Sale. A yard ..... 50¢

24-Inch Tub Silks, in neat fancy designs, and self colors of navy, royal, saxe blue, sky, brown, mole, silver grey, maize, old rose, Nile, Russian green and black. Special January Sale price, a yard ..... 50¢

—Silks, Main Floor

$1.75 Lingerie Waists for $1.00

Better secure a few of these to last you until the Summer, for it's not likely that such values as these will be in the department long. There's bound to be a quick sale, so shop early and have first choice. These Waists are all serviceable styles, featuring the semi-tailored and lace trimmed effects. There are plain and striped voiles, marquisettes, and fine muslins to choose from.

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—Corsets, First Floor

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—First Floor

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—First Floor

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Ladies' White Glace Kid Gloves, in all Sizes, Today, a Pair 75c

—Main Floor

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